

GLASSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Monthly Board Items

Date Submitted:
August 10, 2017

Proposed Effective Date:
September 6, 2017

Grade(s) impacted:
**Rodgers School
(Pre-K)**

Name:	Position/Item:	Submitted By: Aaron Edwards	Building: J. Harvey Rodgers
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Proposed cost/amount:	Funded through: Stipend/Contract	Hours/Days per week:	Benefits: Y or <u>N</u> (circle one)
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Is candidate currently employed by District:
☐ No ☐ Yes

Is candidate a former employee:
☐ No ☐ Yes

(if yes, what position) _____
If yes, part time or full time (circle one)

Check references/review district personnel file?
☐ No ☐ Yes

Board Action Requested:

Recommend Board approval to discuss and approve GCDC proposal to create a wraparound program to accommodate pre-k 3 and 4 students in providing in house services for students who attend Rodgers School. Mr. Edwards would like to provide an informational session to discuss the proposal.

***Attached is the pre-k proposal**

Positives: Rodgers School would be able to offer parents who need all day child care services an in-house option that would support our half-day programs. This would increase the number of students attending Rodgers half day program.

Concerns: Is this viable option for the 2017-2018 school year if approved at such a late notice. Some parents have already registered their children for other full day options outside the school district.

Other Comments:

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Board Date: _____

Approved: Y or N

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July 11, 2017

Scott Henry, Business Administrator
Glassboro Board of Education
560 Joseph L. Bowe Boulevard
Glassboro, NJ 08028

Dear Mr. Henry:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a formal MOU letter of intent to provide before and after PreK programming at Rodgers School beginning in the 2017-2018 school year.

Our program will be located, as you indicated, in a classroom adjacent to the fenced playground which, when we measured it, should as per NJ Office of Child Care Licensing, be able to enroll 22 children per AM and PM session. Although you are looking for support for families to increase JHR PreK 3 and PreK 4 enrollment, we suggested and are able to provide additional programming, from 6:30am through 6:00pm with our existing RASKEL (Rodgers After School Kindergarten Expanded Learning) Program. We feel broadening the day for moderate income families will better support your mission to increase enrollment. We will also be present to provide care beginning the first day of school, during delayed openings, and on district scheduled early dismissals. We will not provide care at Rodgers on school holidays, or when the school closes early or all day due to inclement weather. However, we will report at 8:30am for delayed openings due to weather, like we do at Bullock School

We will staff the program with a site director who is degreed and early childhood staff with appropriate office of licensing credentials such as a Preschool CDA, Associates Degree or Bachelor candidates, to be supported with paraprofessionals. The NJ Office of Child Care Licensing officer has responded to me that she will change our child care license for the Rodgers program to include ages 3-12yrs, rather than 5-12years, as it currently stands.

We will use The Creative Curriculum for Preschool and Teaching Strategies Gold as you do at Rodgers School. We own the 6th edition kit and would like to schedule a planning meeting in early August to discuss the school year studies to be sure we are aligning our program with the school day.

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The fees for our program will be as follows:

Half Day (2-3 hours) \$87 per week (example: A child arrives to school at 8:00am, goes off to school, then returns to us at 10:30am and stays until 2:00pm and gets on the bus to go home)

Partial day (4-5 hours) \$130 per week (just one example: A child could arrive as early as 6:30am, go off to school at 8:00am, return to us at 10:30 and stay until 2:00pm)

Full (6 hours or more) \$165 per week (just one example: A child could arrive as early as 6:30am and go off to school, then return to us and stay until 6:00pm)

We will accept child care subsidies for families who are income eligible, and we understand that the Glassboro School District is not able to support our shared program with monetary payments to assist parents with the cost of the extended day, but will provide in-kind space for the program throughout the day. We would appreciate the district providing tables and chairs if possible, and any "left over" storage shelving/cubbies you might have for us to use. We will supply all other classroom furniture and equipment, as well as educational and enrichment supplies for the children in the program.

This will alleviate busing the Kindergarten RASKE children in the morning from Bullock to Rodgers.

We will provide breakfast and an afternoon snack to all children free of charge. We would like to give children a lunch as well but further discussion about us purchasing school lunches will need to be scheduled. We are reimbursed from the Child And Adult Care Food Program and we can access reimbursement from the state if we purchase your school lunches and milk/juice.

As we are the most reasonably priced early childhood program in Gloucester County, we appreciate the school district's in-kind provision of space for the entire day.

Finally, as we discussed during our meeting at Rodgers School, we have been successful in diversifying our funding so that we do not rely on any one source. I explained that our grants from the United Way of Gloucester County and from the Pincus Family Foundation help to keep our costs low. In order to maintain quality staff during this collaboration, if by November 1 we do not have enough children enrolled and we become full at our own preschool building on Main Street, in order to provide sustainability we request consideration to permit us, if necessary, to enroll a few children living outside of Glassboro in order to fill slots in order to maintain a consistent revenue stream.

I am excited to receive word of our formal approval so that we may assist with recruitment so that Rodgers School enrollment is driven to capacity. We look forward to this opportunity to collaborate.

Sincerely,



Joan Dillon
Executive Director

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