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TO: Karen Zaleski, Superintendent
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FROM: Stephen Nembirkow, Asst. Supt. for Finance and Operations

DATE: July 11, 2023

RE: **School Year 2023-2024 Rental and Tuition Fees (Updated Extended Day Time)**

The following rates are submitted for approval by the school committee for the following year.

Tuition Rates:

Program	FY'23 Rate	FY'24 Rate	Variance
Pre-School Full Day Session	\$1,050	\$1,150	\$100.00
Pre-School School Year	\$9,420 Fall \$9,820 Spring	\$10,420 Fall \$10,820 Spring	\$600.00 Fall \$1200.00 Spring
Pre-School Stay Day	\$29.00/day	\$32.00/day	\$3.00
S.O.A.R.	\$215/session	\$225/session	\$10.00
HS Summer Preview	\$115/week	\$120/week	\$5.00
Non-Resident Student	\$168.31/day	\$169.15/day	To match PPE rate
Instrumental Music	\$35.50/per half hour	\$39.50/per half hour	\$4.00

Pre-School Summer Sessions: The pre-school summer program offers two 3-week full day sessions (8:30 AM – 1:30 PM). The tuition rate was developed by calculating the actual cost to operate the program. The \$1,150 rate reflects one of the 3-week full day sessions.

Pre-School School Year: Parents of typically developing children in our pre-school program are charged an **annual tuition of \$10,420**. This is prorated for the first half of the year and increases to an **annual tuition of \$10,820 starting January 1, 2024**, prorated for the semester. An extended day program from **12:45PM to 2:00PM** is also available at an additional \$32.00 per day. At the request of parents, the rate is recommended as a daily rate rather than a session rate.

Summer Opportunities in Academics and Recreation (S.O.A.R.): The S.O.A.R. program is designed to provide METCO students in grades 4-8 with a 2-week review session in mid-to-late August. Topics offered in the program cover math, reading/writing (ELA), academic skills (e.g., organization and motivation) and social skills (e.g., relationships with teachers and peers). There is also a recreation component. The rate reflects a contribution toward the full cost of the program.

High School Summer Preview: The High School Summer Preview program is designed to provide Weston METCO students with academic preparation for the successful entry into Advanced Placement and Honor level courses. Courses are often offered in English, History, Geometry, Physics and

Chemistry based on the needs of the students. Courses are taught by Weston High School faculty. The rate reflects a contribution toward the full cost of the program.

Non-Resident: Students who reside in Weston with a non-custodial parent for the purposes of education are charged tuition. The Business Office calculates the tuition rate annually based on the Department of Early and Secondary Education Per Pupil Expenditure rate. In addition, we have an “Intent to Reside” fee that is charged to families who have a purchase and sale agreement but have not yet occupied the residence. Although infrequent, there are times when a property is purchased and renovated prior to a family occupying the residence. When this occurs, we require a 45-day payment. If the Weston property is occupied within 45 days, a refund is made. If an extension is needed, a second check for 45-day payment is required.

Instrumental Music: Music lessons are offered throughout the district on a fee-for-service basis. The funds do not pass through the district. All fees are paid directly to the instructors by parents.

Rental Rates:

Room	Location	FY'23 Fee	FY'24 Fee	Variance
Auditorium	High School	\$290	\$300	\$10.00
Auditorium	Middle School (APC)	\$230	\$235	\$5.00
GEC	HS Science Wing	\$264	\$270	\$6.00
Media Center	High School	\$182	\$185	\$3.00
Gymnasium	Up to 3 Hours	\$132	\$150	\$18.00
Gymnasium	Over 3 Hours	\$240	\$270	\$30.00
Cafeteria	All Schools	\$235	\$260	\$25.00
Libraries	All Schools	\$135	\$140	\$5.00
Classrooms	All Schools	\$85	\$95	\$10.00
Conference Room	All Schools	\$77	\$87	\$10.00
Playing Fields	All Schools	\$180	\$190	\$10.00
Playing Fields	Turf Field	\$280	\$300	\$20.00
Field Lights	Hourly	\$55	\$65	\$10.00
Concession Stand	(0-249 people)	\$54	\$60	\$6.00
	(250-499 people)	\$108	\$115	\$7.00
	(500+ people)	\$160	\$165	\$5.00
Custodian	Hourly	\$47	\$53	\$6.00
Field Lining	Hourly	\$27.50	\$30.50	\$3.00
Lighting/Sound	Hourly	\$43	\$50	\$7.00
Piano Tuning	Flat	\$88	\$90	\$2.00
Pool	Hourly	\$190	\$200	\$10.00
Lifeguard	Hourly	\$42	\$47	\$5.00

Fees:

Program	FY'23 Rate	FY'24 Rate	Variance
Guidance Transcripts	\$4.00	\$4.00	
Guidance Testing Fee	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$5.00
Elementary Lunch	\$3.00	\$3.25	\$0.25
Middle / High Breakfast	\$2.00	\$2.25	\$0.25
Middle / High Lunch	\$3.60	\$3.85	\$0.25
Adult Breakfast	\$3.50	\$4.00	\$0.50
Adult Meals	\$4.25	\$4.75	\$0.50
Adult Meals with Milk	\$4.75	\$5.25	\$0.50
iPad Replacement Charger	\$20.00	\$20.00	
iPad Repair Deductible	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Minuteman Transportation	TBD	TBD	
Course Offerings	\$155	\$170	\$15.00

Guidance Transcripts: The Guidance Office provides up to 5 transcripts to each student free of charge. Each transcript in excess of five, and any transcript requested by alumni, are \$4.00 apiece. The fees are deposited into the Guidance Revolving Fund to offset the expenses of the office.

Guidance Standardized Testing Fees: The Guidance Office charges \$35.00 for each exam. The two exams are the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Exam (PSAT) and the Pre-ACT (PLAN) test. The fees are deposited into the Guidance Revolving Fund to cover the costs of test administration.

Food Services: The National School Lunch Program has a rule called Paid Lunch Equity (PLE). The intent of the rule is to ensure sufficient funds are provided to the food services accounts for paid lunches. The free and reduced lunch reimbursement cannot supplement paid lunch revenue. Prices will be increasing for the SY' 23-24 school year. Pricing is based on the type of meals offered. For elementary students, a meal costs \$3.25 while secondary meals costs \$3.85. Meals for adults are slightly higher to better reflect actual costs.

iPad Replacement Charger: The price to replace a lost or damaged charging cord is \$20.00. The fees represent the actual cost to the department for these items.

iPad Repair Deductible: The district insures all student devices. If a Chromebook and/or iPad is damaged the family is asked to pay the insurance deductible. The fees represent the actual cost to the department for these items.

Minuteman Transportation: As of school year 2017-2018, Weston is no longer a member community of the Minuteman Vocational School system. Therefore, Weston is responsible for the tuition and transportation of Weston resident children who opt to attend Minuteman. In SY'21-22, we transported Weston students only. We did not transport Wayland students in SY'22-23. Wayland, in the past, has covered a proportionate share of the total cost. Wayland is interested in continuing this arrangement. Until the number of students are confirmed, a rate cannot be developed.

Course Offerings: Weston offers many summer workshop and training opportunities for faculty and staff. On occasion, these courses are offered to faculty in neighboring communities. For courses where we open slots to faculty from other districts, we would charge a fee of \$170.00 per participant. This fee will be used to offset the cost of the instructor and/or required materials. The fees are deposited into the Adult and Community Education revolving fund.

Leases:

Program	FY'23 Rate	FY'24 Rate	Variance
Children's Center	\$32,938	\$34,256	4%
Children's Center	FY'24 Rate	FY'25 Rate	Variance
	\$34,256	\$35,798	4.5%
Children's Center	FY'25 Rate	FY'26 Rate	Variance
	\$35,798	\$37,588	5%

Children's Center: The Children's Center leases space at the Country and Woodland Schools to run the after-school program.

Please contact me with any questions or comments.