

## Questions and Answers from our January 10, 2018 Board Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting

**Question:**

If the board passes the \$100 a day substitute rate increase; when will it take affect? Is it retroactive this school year?

**Answer:**

If approved the pay increase would take effect immediately after the board meeting. It would not be retroactive.

**Question:**

District 118 now has a student who is required to attend a school in Worth for the remainder of the 17-18 school year. How does this student get to this school? Does District 118 pay for his transportation? If so, what is the dollar amount?

**Answer:**

Due to student privacy rights, we cannot discuss specific student placements.

**Question:**

Are there windows in the new teachers' lounge at East? What is the square footage comparison between new and old lounge?

**Answer:**

Yes, there are windows in the room that would become the new teachers' lounge and the square footage is comparable.

**Question:**

How many low-income families do we have projected to use FDK?

**Answer:**

The district estimates 20% of the families utilizing FDK would qualify for low income tuition reduction waiver.

**Question:**

Will slots be limited/held for low income families? How has the Finance Committee accounted for this money?

**Answer:**

No slots have been reserved for low-income families. Every student attending FDK will be required to pay either the full tuition amount or a reduced amount for families under the federal poverty guidelines.

**Question:**

Where would the money come from to cover FDK costs for low income students?

**Answer:**

The cost would be offset by tuition revenue and possibly cash reserves depending upon the number of tuition paying students elect to attend the program.

**Question:**

Will the FDK tuition be dependent care eligible for tax purposes?

**Answer:**

No. IRS guidelines state that tuition expenses for grades kindergarten and above are not FSA reimbursable.

**Question:**

How will lunch work for FDK?

**Answer:**

FDK students will have the option to bring their lunch or participate in the school district's hot lunch program.

**Question:**

Why are Ivy League fees so much higher for FDK than other grades?

**Answer:**

Fees are set by Ivy League. Ivy League fees are not yet set for 2018-2019 school year. The presentation used a projection that may increase or decrease.

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