



Shrewsbury Public Schools

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Superintendent

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To: School Committee

From: Joe Sawyer

Re: Recommendation for Changes to Extended School Care Tuition & Programming for the 2020-2021 School Year

At your last meeting, Director of Extended Learning, Karen Isaacson, recommended changes to the structure and tuition for our Extended School Care program due to the move to a hybrid in-person/remote model as a result of the pandemic, which is causing a very large decrease in enrollment. Her presentation slides from last week can be found [here](#), and updated information after she surveyed ESC families is enclosed with this memo.

While the program must be run at cost to be viable, I believe it is important to provide an offering that will enable families who need childcare before and/or after school to have an option for their children who attend our schools. As such, I recommend that

- the School Committee authorize the district to increase tuition by 60% over the original FY21 rates;
- to maintain the tuition for families who qualify for free or reduced lunch at the original FY21 rates;
- to adjust the program to offer before and after school care on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays while the hybrid learning model is in effect; and,
- if there is not sufficient enrollment to make this a self sufficient program financially, or if adequate staffing is not available, that the superintendent is authorized to suspend the operations of the Extended School Care program until such time that circumstances allow it to resume.

Ms. Isaacson, Mr. Collins, and I will be available for questions this evening.