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To: Dr. Jauch

From: Beth Dever **BD**

Re: School Fees for FY 2018

I have attached the township comparisons and our own Avoca student fee history. We have collected about 95% of our school fees at this point in time. Books and materials fees help offset the annual cost of instructional supplies, workbooks and textbooks. This fee also includes the cost of a yearbook for each student and an extra-curricular fee of \$25 for students in 1st-8th grades. Technology fees help offset costs of laptops, iPads, iPods, promethean boards, software, subscriptions and the supplies and maintenance needed for all of these items. Families that are approved for free lunch have their book and tech fees waived. At this time, I'm not recommending any increase in our books and materials and technology fees.

Bus fees are charged for two-way service, one-way service and for field trips when we are already collecting some type of admission fee. This year we have 412 bus riders with 141 paying and 271 in a no pay area. There are 91 students using the one-way option. Our overall number of riders is consistent with last year. Bus fees are only waived for families receiving state assistance that are directly certified by ISBE. We are currently leasing nine buses that are between one and five years old. Last year was the first year we leased nine buses for the entire year so now we have a better idea of how to project transportation costs in the future.

As you can see from the Avoca fee history, we have not increased our bus fees since FY 2009. Since that time, our costs have increased while our paying riders have decreased. Several factors have contributed to this including adding a one-way rider option, an industry move from gas to diesel buses and switching to a bus lease program. The state has also reduced the amount of funding we receive for transportation reimbursement. With the cost of new diesel buses being close to \$80,000, I still support leasing our buses as it allows us to maintain a dependable fleet at an affordable price.

Our bus fees collected currently support about 16% of our transportation costs for regular education programs. Some of our surrounding districts collect at a much higher percentage than Avoca. This means we are using more local tax dollars to pay for our transportation program than other districts. Since the Transportation Fund is currently operating at a deficit, an increase in fees will reduce that deficit. While I believe we are at a time that we need to ask for a fee increase, I want it to be reasonable so that we are able to maintain the riders that we currently have. I am recommending that we raise our bus fee per round trip rider by \$30 and per our one-way rider by \$15. I am also recommending that we increase our field trip fee from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per rider on field trips where we are also collecting admission fees from parents. These increases will help offset our costs to provide transportation for our students both before and after school and on certain field trips. I also recommend that we change our early bird discount from \$50 to \$75 to better incent people to sign up for busing on a timely basis. The bus fee for the first rider will be increased to reflect this additional \$25 discount opportunity.

Please see me if you have any questions.

Thanks

Student Fee History FY 2005-2017 & Proposed FY 2018 (Assumes paying on time)

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|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|
| Books/Materials Fee | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Proposed | Proposed | FY 05-18 | FY 09-18 | |
| Grade | 2004-2005 | 2005-2006 | 2006-2007 | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 | 2011-2012 | 2012-2013 | 2013-2014 | 2014-2015 | 2015-2016 | 2016-2017 | 2017-2018 | Increase | Increase | Increase | | |
| K | 90.00 | 103.00 | 103.00 | 113.00 | 118.00 | 118.00 | 118.00 | 118.00 | 110.00 | 110.00 | 110.00 | 110.00 | 110.00 | 110.00 | 0.0% | 22.2% | -6.8% | | |
| Grades 1-4 | 90.00 | 95.00 | 95.00 | 105.00 | 110.00 | 110.00 | 135.00 | 135.00 | 135.00 | 135.00 | 135.00 | 135.00 | 135.00 | 135.00 | 0.0% | 50.0% | 22.7% | | |
| Grades 5-8 | 105.00 | 110.00 | 110.00 | 120.00 | 125.00 | 125.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 0.0% | 42.9% | 20.0% | | |
| Technology Fee | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Proposed | Proposed | FY 05-18 | FY 09-18 | |
| Grade | 2004-2005 | 2005-2006 | 2006-2007 | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 | 2011-2012 | 2012-2013 | 2013-2014 | 2014-2015 | 2015-2016 | 2016-2017 | 2017-2018 | Increase | Increase | Increase | | |
| 1 Child | 125.00 | 125.00 | 125.00 | 125.00 | 125.00 | 125.00 | 125.00 | 125.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 0.0% | 20.0% | 20.0% | | |
| 2 Children | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 0.0% | 33.3% | 33.3% | | |
| 3 Children | 175.00 | 175.00 | 175.00 | 175.00 | 175.00 | 175.00 | 175.00 | 175.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 | 0.0% | 42.9% | 42.9% | | |
| 4+ Children | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 0.0% | 50.0% | 50.0% | | |
| Transportation Fee | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Proposed | Proposed | FY 05-18 | FY 09-18 | |
| Grade | 2004-2005 | 2005-2006 | 2006-2007 | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 | 2011-2012 | 2012-2013 | 2013-2014 | 2014-2015 | 2015-2016 | 2016-2017 | 2017-2018 | Increase | Increase | Increase | | |
| 1 Child | 325.00 | 350.00 | 400.00 | 425.00 | 450.00 | 450.00 | 450.00 | 450.00 | 450.00 | 450.00 | 450.00 | 450.00 | 450.00 | 480.00 | 6.7% | 47.7% | 6.7% | | |
| 2 Children | 625.00 | 675.00 | 750.00 | 800.00 | 850.00 | 850.00 | 850.00 | 850.00 | 850.00 | 850.00 | 850.00 | 850.00 | 850.00 | 910.00 | 7.1% | 45.6% | 7.1% | | |
| 3 Children | 915.00 | 975.00 | 1,050.00 | 1,125.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,290.00 | 7.5% | 41.0% | 7.5% | | |
| 4+ Children | 1,205.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,100.00 | 1,275.00 | 1,350.00 | 1,350.00 | 1,350.00 | 1,350.00 | 1,350.00 | 1,350.00 | 1,350.00 | 1,350.00 | 1,350.00 | 1,470.00 | 8.9% | 22.0% | 8.9% | | |
| One Way - 1 | | | | | | 225.00 | 225.00 | 225.00 | 225.00 | 225.00 | 225.00 | 225.00 | 225.00 | 240.00 | 6.7% | 6.7% | 6.7% | | |
| One Way - 2 | | | | | | 450.00 | 450.00 | 450.00 | 450.00 | 450.00 | 450.00 | 450.00 | 450.00 | 480.00 | 6.7% | 6.7% | 6.7% | | |
| One Way - 3 | | | | | | 650.00 | 650.00 | 650.00 | 650.00 | 650.00 | 650.00 | 650.00 | 650.00 | 695.00 | 6.9% | 6.9% | 6.9% | | |
| One Way - 4+ | | | | | | 850.00 | 850.00 | 850.00 | 850.00 | 850.00 | 850.00 | 850.00 | 850.00 | 910.00 | 7.1% | 7.1% | 7.1% | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Budget | Projected | Change +/- | FY 05-18 | FY 09-18 |
| Riders | 460 | 462 | 449 | 429 | 384 | 401 | 369 | 360 | 357 | 396 | 397 | 403 | 412 | 412 | 0.0% | -10.4% | 7.3% | | |
| Act/Bud * | \$202,303 | \$274,109 | \$227,861 | \$299,775 | \$256,782 | \$296,074 | \$292,668 | \$314,800 | \$310,216 | \$335,771 | \$359,032 | \$328,220 | \$352,943 | \$361,895 | 2.5% | 78.9% | 40.9% | | |
| Cost per rider | \$439.79 | \$593.31 | \$507.49 | \$698.78 | \$668.70 | \$738.34 | \$793.14 | \$874.44 | \$868.95 | \$847.91 | \$904.36 | \$814.44 | \$856.66 | \$878.39 | 2.5% | 99.7% | 31.4% | | |
| Paying riders | 237 | 207 | 206 | 201 | 188 | 211 | 171 | 165 | 138 | 176 | 147 | 145 | 141 | 141 | 0.0% | -40.5% | -25.0% | | |
| No pay riders | 223 | 255 | 243 | 228 | 196 | 190 | 198 | 195 | 219 | 220 | 250 | 258 | 271 | 271 | 0.0% | 21.5% | 38.3% | | |
| Reg Bus Fees | 74,547 | 71,288 | 79,013 | 74,571 | 82,253 | 61,374 | 59,488 | 41,257 | 63,431 | 53,926 | 54,999 | 52,882 | 52,882 | 56,055 | 6.0% | -24.8% | -31.9% | | |
| Field Trip Fees | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,857 | 3,092 | 3,436 | 3,436 | 5,154 | 50.0% | 80.4% | 80.4% | | |
| % of Cost | 36.85% | 26.01% | 34.68% | 24.88% | 32.03% | 20.73% | 20.33% | 13.11% | 20.45% | 16.91% | 16.18% | 17.16% | 15.96% | 16.91% | 6.0% | | | | |
| State Funding | 3,449 | 2,371 | 4,375 | 4,050 | 8,718 | 3,510 | 7,684 | 2,846 | 4,077 | 3,124 | 2,121 | 2,804 | 4,064 | 2,893 | -28.8% | -16.1% | -66.8% | | |
| % of Cost | 1.70% | 0.86% | 1.92% | 1.35% | 3.40% | 1.19% | 2.63% | 0.90% | 1.31% | 0.93% | 0.59% | 0.85% | 1.15% | 0.80% | | | | | |

* Does not include special ed costs

- New diesel buses cost \$79,056

- % of Cost - Wilmette Dist 39 - 33%, Glencoe Dist 35 - 60-70%, Winnetka Dist 36 - 40% with a goal of 50%

- Less riders, potential more traffic at schools

- Notes:
- FY 05 - Added tech fee
 - FY 05 - Added credit card payment option
 - FY 06 - Added \$10 late fee for book/tech fees
 - FY 06 - Added \$8 headphone charge to kindergarten fee (It was previously collected by the ITC staff)
 - FY 06 - Capped bus fee for 4+ children
 - FY 07 - Changed wording from late fee to "early bird discount"
 - FY 08 - Increased early bird discount for bus fee to \$50 and book fee to \$25, increased supply fee by \$10
 - FY 09 - Changed two payment plan for busing to require 2nd payment authorization for credit card or post dated check for Nov 1, **passed operating rate increase referendum**
 - FY 10 - Added one way charge for transportation, **started leasing 3 buses April 2010**
 - FY 11 - Added \$25 extracurricular fee in grades 1-8, **leasing 4 buses**
 - FY 12 - No changes proposed, **leasing 6 buses**
 - FY 13 - Increased tech fee by \$25 per student, headphones part of supply list, **leasing 8 buses**
 - FY 14 - Added field trip fee of \$2/student
 - FY 15 - Reallocated books and materials fees for yearbook and fine arts (-\$10 books/materials + \$5 yearbook + \$5 fine arts), **leasing 9 buses Dec 14**
 - FY 16 - No changes proposed, **first full year all buses leased**
 - FY 17 - Changed early bird discount to \$25 for tech fee (timely payment will be same as last year)
 - FY 18 - Increased bus fee by \$30 per student, changed early bird discount for bus fee to \$75 and increased field trip to \$3/student**