

Date: November 2, 2017

To: Dr. Jauch and Members of the Board of Education
From: Terry Sofianos, Director of Pupil Services

RE: Proposed Avoca Community Preschool Tuition for 2018-2019

After a review of tuition rates at neighboring preschools, it is the recommendation of administration to maintain the current tuition rates for both the four and five day programs.

The following table reflects the most recent and accurate information that has been collected for upcoming tuition rates for similar programs. It is important to note that some of these rates have not yet been published as they are still undergoing approval by their respective governing bodies.

Preschool Tuition Comparison for 2018-2019

	Hours per Day	4 Day Program	5 Day Program
Wilmette Park District	2.5	NA	\$3,790
Wilmette District 39	2.5	\$3,525	\$4,390
Avoca Community Preschool	2.5	\$ 3,550	\$ 4,250
St. Joseph's	3.5	\$3,960	\$4,870
Wilmette Community Nursery School	2.5	\$4,871	Not offered due to lack of interest

Our tuition rates 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 are listed below with proposed 2018-2019 rates for your consideration.

	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
AM (4 days)	\$ 3,550 \$ 3,976*	\$ 3,550 \$ 3,976*	\$ 3,550 \$ 3,976*	\$ 3,550 \$ 3,976*
PM (5 days)	\$ 4,250 \$ 4,760*	\$ 4,250 \$ 4,760*	\$ 4,250 \$ 4,760*	\$ 4,250 \$ 4,760*

* **Non-resident fee**

Our community preschool serves both students with and without disabilities, and is considered a "blended preschool environment" by the ISBE. Students with IEP needs are identified as they

turn three throughout the year, but must be placed on their third birthday if receiving early intervening services (EI). In order to be in compliance with the ISBE we use a co-taught model with one teacher and one speech and language pathologist, supported by related services personnel, which include targeted support from an occupational therapist and an intervention specialist. A low adult-to-student ratio is maintained through the addition of one teaching assistant to support individual student needs as well as additional inclusion teaching assistant support per IEP requirements. According to state requirements, we must strive to maintain a ratio of no more than thirty (30) percent of children in any classroom being students with disabilities. Our current enrollment reflects compliance with this requirement.

Our current enrollment includes:

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A.M. Class (4 days per week)

1 (one) student with IEP needs (two more are expected this fall)

7 (seven) typically developing students

Total: 8 (eight) / 10 (ten) expected

P.M. Class (5 days per week)

3 (three) students with IEP needs

10 (ten) typically developing students

Total: 13 (thirteen)

Additionally, there is one preschool student who has been placed in a more restrictive program in Wilmette District 39.

Students who are typically developing pay tuition per the rates outlined above. By maintaining our current tuition rates, we remain an affordable option for families in our community.