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Update: Before and After School Program at East Brookfield Elementary School

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Good Morning B/ASP Families!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents and District administrators for coming out to the Before and After School Program (B/ASP) Community Forum that was held this past Monday to discuss the possibility of closing the East Brookfield Elementary School (EBES) site of the B/ASP. The conversation was candid and it was great to hear what everyone had to say and view the varying perspectives.

On a very positive note, I would like to officially announce that the After School Program (ASP) will remain in operation at East Brookfield Elementary School and will not be consolidated with the program at Wire Village. This decision was made in large part because you, the families of our District, let us know just how critical the need is at EBES.

The fate of the Before School Program (BSP), however, has not yet been definitively determined. We would love to keep it up and running to meet the needs of our community but in order to do so we really need to get enrollment numbers up for next year to make it feasible. That being said, we have decided to open up enrollment for the B/ASP for the 2017-2018 school year early. New registration forms will be put up on the District website (www.sebrsd.org), emailed out to existing B/ASP families, and also sent home with all PK-5th grade District students at the beginning of May. As always, deposits will be required at the time of registration. Hopefully, this will help us to get a solid idea of what enrollment numbers will look like for next year, prior to the end of the current school year, so that we can determine whether or not to keep the BSP open. If the decision is made to close the BSP at East Brookfield, the District WILL NOT be offering the option to send students to the Wire Village BSP. There would simply be no BSP option for East Brookfield. To prevent this from happening, we strongly implore all of you to spread the word about the program and help us try to build up enrollment so that we can continue to offer this option. We will also do our best to advertise the program so that we can carry on, as usual.

For those that are not familiar with the Before School portion of our program, it runs from 6:30 a.m. until buses unload (8:05ish) and includes breakfast. The cost will increase from \$7/day to \$8/day starting with the new school year, as was voted on by the School Committee in March. Preschool students are eligible to attend as long as they are toilet-trained.

As always, I am here to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Please feel free to call, email, drop by the office or flag me down at one of the BSP/ASP sites.

Wishing you all a wonderful day!

Thank You,
Melissa Pervier

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