

Office of School Leadership and Performance
Dr. John D. Pace III, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE FEES FOR ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE AND SUMMER PROGRAMS AS OUTLINED BELOW; BEGINNING WITH THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL, AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

The District continues to maintain high-quality before/after school care and summer programming including homework assistance, academic interventions and enrichment activities that fully support our families and students.

As a result of increased cost and salaries, this item requests authorization to increase the daily student fees for all Miami-Dade County Public Schools before/after school care and summer programs as outlined below, beginning with the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

	2022-2023 Daily Student Fees*	2022-2023 Daily Student Fees for Free and Reduced Lunch*	2023-2024 Daily Student Fees	2023-2024 Daily Student Fees for Free and Reduced Lunch
Story Hour Program	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$6.00	\$6.00
Before Care Program	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$6.00	\$6.00
After Care Program	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$15.00	\$14.00
All Day Care Program	\$20.00	\$18.00	\$30.00	\$25.00
Summer After Care	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$15.00	\$14.00
Summer Half-Day Camp	\$12.00	\$11.00	\$18.00	\$17.00
Summer Full-Day Camp	\$20.00	\$18.00	\$30.00	\$25.00
Late Fees <i>(Payment Fees & Pick Up Fees)</i>	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$10.00

**The daily student fees for the District's before/after school care and summer programs were last increased at the School Board Meeting of March 25, 2009.*

According to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, there have been 13 minimum wage increases since 2009. On November 3, 2020, Florida voters approved a state constitutional amendment minimum wage ballot initiative by just over 61%. This measure raised the minimum wage to \$10.00 per hour effective September 30, 2021. Each September 30th thereafter, minimum wage increases by \$1.00 per hour until the minimum wage reaches \$15.00 per hour on September 30, 2026.

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However, to retain a highly qualified workforce, the School Board proactively approved increasing hourly rates for part-time employees from \$10.00 to \$15.00 on September 7, 2022. Staff benchmarked the District's fees with neighboring school districts, including charter school operators, to establish the proposed rates. To continue delivery of before/after school care and summer services to our families as well as to attract qualified personnel to support the operation of these programs, the District must remain competitive with similar fee-based service providers.

In collaboration with the Miami-Dade County Council of PTAs/PTSAs, a focus group with before/after school care and summer program families was held by staff to obtain their feedback on the proposed rate increases. Under the proposed fee schedule, a new sibling discount rule will be applied. Aligned with standard practices; families who experience financial hardship may qualify for subsidized funds that will reduce the cost of before/after school care services.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. adopt and implement the proposed fee schedule for the District's before/after school care and summer programs, beginning with the 2023-2024 fiscal year, as follows:
 - Story hour daily student rate \$6.00
 - Story hour daily rate (free and reduced lunch status) \$6.00
 - Before care program daily student rate \$6.00
 - Before care program daily rate (free and reduced lunch status) \$6.00
 - After care program daily student rate \$15.00
 - After care program daily rate (free and reduced lunch status) \$14.00
 - All day care program daily student rate \$30.00
 - All day care program daily rate (free and reduced lunch status) \$25.00
 - Summer after care program daily student rate \$15.00
 - Summer after care program daily rate (free and reduced lunch status) \$14.00
 - Summer half day program daily student rate \$18.00
 - Summer half day daily rate (free and reduced lunch status) \$17.00
 - Summer full day daily student rate \$30.00
 - Summer full day daily rate (free and reduced lunch status) \$25.00
 - Late fees \$10.00