

AREA: Curriculum and Instruction
AGENDA ITEM(S): Afterschool Programs
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Synopsis of Agenda Item

Our district currently operates afterschool programs at seven schools. These include: Siler City Elementary, Pittsboro Elementary, Virginia Cross Elementary, Bennett School, North Chatham School, Perry Harrison School, and Silk Hope School. Bonlee plans to begin a program this fall.

Over the last two years, we have been working to license all of our afterschool programs and to improve consistency of programs and common policies and procedures. All of our programs are now licensed and we are proud of the services our afterschool programs provide to our students and families.

We continue to examine the most effective and efficient way of providing high quality afterschool care. These programs are expensive to maintain and it is difficult to provide high quality care at the current tuition level. As we have looked at the varying fee structures at different sites, we have discussed bringing all sites to a common fee schedule, hours of operation, and staffing ratios. In doing so, we have also spoken to other districts regarding their program delivery and to community partners.

After much consideration, we believe that partnering with the Chatham YMCA to provide the afterschool programs in our district is an excellent option. This option has the following benefits:

1. The YMCA is well known and respected for their high quality childcare programs
2. The administration (personnel and fiscal) of the afterschool program would be the responsibility of the Chatham YMCA
3. The Chatham YMCA has a scholarship program such that students/families can receive assistance with tuition costs
4. The Chatham YMCA has a established curriculum for afterschool programs
5. The Chatham YMCA is able to expand afterschool sites such that **every one** of our K-8 schools can have a program
6. The Chatham YMCA student staff ratios of 1:12 are well below the state daycare licensing requirement

We propose this change to our afterschool program service delivery for the 2009-2010 school year. This would allow transition time for our current afterschool staff to consider



their employment options (i.e. continue working for the school system in another capacity or potentially working for the Chatham YMCA.). It will also allow the YMCA time to adequately inform the community of the afterschool options and register students in a timely manner.

Superintendent's Recommendation: For discussion

Suggested Motion: _____