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Facilities Policy and Rental Update

Included in the board packet is a copy of the proposed LPGE Facilities Policy and LPGE Rental Fee structure that Ms. Paurus and I have created. During this process I intentionally sought out information from several schools and communities that had facilities that were similar to LPGE. Information was collected and analyzed from the following schools: Albany, Sauk Rapids-Rice, Alexandria, Belgrade Brooten Elrosa, Big Lake, Benson, Foley, Becker, Minnewaska, Montevideo, Paynseville, Rockford, ROCORI, Willmar, and Sartell. I feel using this many examples to research gave us an excellent ability to make prudent decisions in the updating our policies. I would also like to thank Mr. Zastrow for representing the Executive Committee in this process. Both him and Mr. Ludvigson met with us on several occasions to give us feedback on our progress and provided guidance on how to proceed throughout the process.

Community Education

June 1st marks the official start to the Community Education Summer season. We are very pleased with the ability to offer so many fun educational and recreational activities. Each year we average around 500 students that participate in some sort of school sponsored activity, and we can't wait to make sure that all of our students have a positive memorable experience.

Little League began practices on April 23rd and currently has more than 90 students in grades 3–6 participating. We would like to thank all of our volunteer coaches for the countless hours they dedicate to supporting and educating our students. Each volunteer coach completed three hours of training through the National Alliance for Youth Sports and has done an outstanding job working with our participants. Lower Division and Upper Division games began on Monday, May 11th. Both divisions will continue through the end of June. Community members interested in attending games are encouraged to join us on Monday and Thursday evenings. Lower Division games begin at 5:15 p.m., followed by Upper Division games at 6:35 p.m.

Community Education is also pleased to continue partnering with several community organizations and area groups to expand programming opportunities for our students and families. These partnerships allow us to provide a broader range of activities and services to the community. We are especially appreciative of our partnership with the City of Long Prairie. This year alone the City of Long Prairie has put up LPGE Thunder Banners throughout the city to show the communities support of schools. The city also cleaned up the shoreline of the pond around Harmony Park, and added mulch around all of the trees in preparation of the LPGE Elementary Color Run. They also were fabulous to work with during the Thunder Stadium Project, several times they helped us with construction issues which arose during the

construction. I would like to personally thank Chad Bosl and his team for all they do for the LPGE School District.

Congratulations to all LPGE Preschool and Head Start graduates. LPGE Preschool graduation ceremonies were held during the last week of April and the first week of May, with preschool classes concluding last Thursday. Head Start students will celebrate their graduation on Thursday, May 14th. We are incredibly proud of the friendships, growth, and skills these students have developed over the past two years. We look forward to seeing all they accomplish as they begin Kindergarten next year.

ESSA Federal Funding Application Update

As we continue our annual process of applying for federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) funding through the Minnesota Department of Education. As part of this work, we have been reviewing student achievement data, program needs, staffing priorities, and school improvement goals to determine the most effective use of Title I, II, III, and IV funds for the upcoming school year.

We are currently developing and submitting our consolidated ESSA application and budget, which outlines planned expenditures and program goals. These federal funds support a variety of initiatives throughout the district, including academic interventions, professional development opportunities for staff, supports for English learners, student wellness and engagement programming, technology integration, and other activities that help provide students with a well-rounded educational experience.

Following submission, the Minnesota Department of Education will review our application to ensure compliance with all federal and state requirements. Upon approval, we will receive our ESSA funding allocations and begin implementation of approved programs and services throughout the school year.

We will continue to monitor expenditures, evaluate program effectiveness, and complete all required reporting to maintain compliance and ensure continued eligibility for future federal funding opportunities.