

**ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD AGENDA BACKUP**

Regular Meeting of June 8, 2021

**ITEM: ALBANY CHILDREN'S CENTER PRESCHOOL RATE
ADJUSTMENT**

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TYPE OF ITEM: REVIEW AND ACTION

PURPOSE: To review and approve the adjustment of AUSD Preschool rates starting in the 2021-2022 school year

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The last time AUSD Preschool rates were adjusted was in May 2019. A price adjustment is necessary due to the following:

- To align with the cost of neighboring programs
- To balance preschool budget and pay for leasing fees at 720 Jackson St campus.
- To maintain highly qualified staff
- To align with cost increases due to health and welfare and retirement cost increase

DETAILS: The State of California provides reimbursement at \$53.41 per child per day for a “full day” of attendance at preschool. A full day is considered at least 6.5 hours per day. AUSD Preschool operates ten and a half hours a day and provides breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack. The cost of operating a 10.5 hour a day program is significantly more than the cost of operating a 6.5 hour a day program (i.e. salary, benefits, etc); however, the amount subsidized is the same regardless of the number of hours the program operates. Additionally, the AUSD Preschool program is open 245 days per year, and all but two neighboring preschool programs are open for 225 days or less. Please see Exhibit A for monthly preschool tuition rates in our area.

Currently, seventy-six percent (76%) of the students enrolled in the AUSD’s Preschool program receive state-subsidies, and our AUSD Preschool budget has historically operated at a deficit. During the 2020-2021 school year, this deficit was approximately \$140,000.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: Staff is recommending the tuition rate for ACC Preschool be increased from \$1,450 to \$1,750 a month. This recommended price adjustment could potentially generate \$61,200 revenue each year based on the current enrollment of Preschool students. \$61,200 a year will help to offset the amount of money transferred to preschool from school-age.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES ADDRESSED:



Objective #1: *Assess and Increase Academic Success. Goal: We will provide a comprehensive educational experience with expanded opportunities for engagement, assessment, and academic growth so that all students will achieve their fullest potential.*



Objective #2: *Support the Whole Child. Goal: We will foster the social and emotional growth of all students, implement an array of strategies to increase student engagement, identify individual socio-emotional and behavioral needs, and apply collaborative appropriate interventions.*



Objective #3: *Communicate and Lead Together. Goal: All stakeholders will collaborate and communicate about decisions that guide the sites and district.*

<p>RECOMMENDATION: To review and approve the adjustment of AUSD Preschool rates starting in the 2021-22 school year.</p>
