

June 14, 2022

DISD Board Members:

In discussions and consultations with our finance director and daycare coordinator it is in the districts' best interest to increase the weekly wage for the Dayton Youth Service Center. In looking at our budget and not utilizing the ARP funds we would be in a \$50,000 deficit based on our salary needs. Our ARP monies we are receiving require us to raise our daycare workers' salaries. With this tuition increase and increase in projected enrollment daycare should be sustained and general funds will not have to be utilized.

We are currently at \$150 weekly for full time enrollment and \$110 weekly for 3 or less days for all children attending. We are proposing a \$25/week increase, therefore making it \$175 and \$135. We have not had to increase rates in over 4 years. Again, this is well below the Northern Kentucky average of \$225/week and up to \$300 for infants.

We will continue to provide meals and transportation midday for our preschool students. Our staff also do not have to pay for holidays or vacations when school is not in session. This is a wonderful perk for our staff to use and want to continue to offer this quality childcare.

Sincerely,
Nicole Ponting
Director of Special Education and Early Childhood Learning





