

RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 2, 2022  
TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: District Manager  
SUBJECT: Review and Provide Direction Regarding Before and After School Club and Teen Club Proposed Fee Increases for School Year 2022-2023 - **Supplemental Information**

For your review, attached please find correspondence that was received subsequent to the posting of the February 2, 2022 Board Meeting agenda and staff report related to the subject item.



Dan Paranick  
District Manager

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**From:** noreply=revize.com@turbo-smtp.info on behalf of noreply@revize.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 1, 2022 12:27 PM  
**To:** comments  
**Subject:** Board of Directors Submit Form  
**Attachments:** Letter to park board 02\_01.pdf

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Name = Darla Eden

City\_Town = Simi Valley

Email =

Comments for the Board = Letter is attached for the meeting on 2/2/22

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Dear RSRPD Board of Directors,

I have been a Special Education teacher in the Simi Valley USD for a total of ten years. These last two years have been the most difficult for our children, but especially those with disabilities from low-income families. While we were in remote learning, I had a unique window into the living rooms of the families we serve in this district. I noticed children in elementary school who were responsible for caring for younger siblings, students that were left at home alone, or students who were staying with relatives who could not (for various reasons) support the students in their school work or manage their behaviors. There are so many families in this community who may have two adult incomes, but still cannot afford child care.

An after-school program is not just babysitting. They offer socialization and outdoor play opportunities for children who may not have these options at home. After a year of online school, followed by another year of strict guidelines; children need as much support as possible to thrive.

Our most vulnerable children have the most difficulty verbalizing their needs. Students with disabilities may not be able to communicate their fears, needs, or desires. Making the after school program accessible to more families will support students with disabilities, which often represent a higher number of the economically disadvantaged students, will increase the students' access to emotional, social, and academic support. Again, I will remind the board that our most vulnerable students are often the students with parents who may not attend school functions (due to work or family obligations) and may not read (or be able to read) the notices that come out from each of the schools. Where can we reach these families to let them know there are after-school programs with scholarships available?

With inflation looming and prices everywhere going up, now is not the time to make a valuable resource, such as after school care, inaccessible to more low-income families with children with disabilities.

Thank you for your time,

Darla Eden

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City\_Town = Simi Valley

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Comments for the Board = Hi,

My children are in high school now but when they were in elementary school it was a real struggle as a single mom to pay for after school care so I could work. Its hard enough to find good care let alone be able to pay for it. Pls dont raise the cost and make it that much harder for single parents! Child care is essential so that we can work and support them, not everyone has a support system and it truly takes a village to raise children, pls help the people who need the most help!

thank you,

a single mom who needed help

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Everyone on the Board = true

Name = Angela Dellacort-Thomas

City\_Town = Simi Valley

Email =

Comments for the Board = Dear RSRPD Board Members,

Many years ago, my own two children attended After School Club. Being a teacher, I needed after school care for them at my school site, Knolls, until I could finish my work day. I appreciated the convenience and I could afford the price of care at the time.

But some folks cannot afford the price of afterschool care. My letter's purpose is to encourage the board to offer more "scholarships" to families in need of care. I have a student in my class, in fact, who needs care after school, but has told me her mom looked at the price online and told her she doesn't have enough money for her to go. This child gets picked up late every day and would benefit from being cared for after school until her parent can get to her. I understand that a small percentage of the budget does in fact help some families, but more is needed. Thank you for your consideration!

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Everyone on the Board = true

Name = Jeffery Jizzerly

City\_Town = Simi

Email =

Comments for the Board = I feel that afterschool programs should increase their prices and staff wages accordingly to market rate with the addition of subsidies for lower income parents that may have issues paying for child care.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 2, 2022 9:08 AM  
**To:** comments  
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Everyone on the Board = true

Name = Cassandra Douglas

City\_Town = Simi Valley

Email =

Comments for the Board = I am writing you to advise/request against increasing the fees for the afterschool program. I am a lifelong resident and a single working mother of two children. I am fortunate that I have access to the Boys and Girls Club of Simi Valley and their after school program at my children's school, if I did not have access to this program, there would not be a feasible way for me to maintain my employment. There are many very low/extremely low/low income families who cannot even begin to think about affording \$339/month/child fee for an after school program. After school programs should be affordable and accessible to all residents in the city and a rate hike would only increase the gap that exists between those who are able to afford after school programs and those who currently cannot.

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Everyone on the Board = true  
Name = ZAKIA KATOR  
City\_Town = SIMI VALLEY  
Email = .  
Comments for the Board = Dear Park Board,

I am writing to ask that you not increase the Afte School Club fees. I have two children who attend school in the SVUSD and I can tell you that having affordable after-school care is critical to many struggling families. Instead of increasing fees, the Park Board should investigate the possibility of reducing the fees to ease the burden on families who are looking for safe and affordable place for their kids to go after school while mom and dads are working.

Thank you for your consideration.  
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Everyone on the Board = true

Name = Satish Shah

City\_Town = Simi Valley

Email =

Comments for the Board = Please DO NOT increase After School Club fees. The fees are already a hardship on working families. I believe RSRPD budget does not need this extra money. If necessary, why not postpone tennis court conversions to Pickle ball courts. Postpone the new court construction.

Thank you.

Satish Shah

Simi Valley

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Everyone on the Board = true

Name = Sara Matuzak

City\_Town = Simi Valley

Email =

Comments for the Board = Dear Board Members, I oppose increasing fees for our after-school care through Simi Recreation and Parks District. The monthly cost is already a financial hardship for many and increasing fees will add to this hardship for an increasing number of families. Affordable, quality care needs to be accessible to anyone who needs it. Please do not raise fees. Thank you, Sara

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