

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Millburn Public Schools

INFORMATION ITEM

May 3, 2010

To: Board of Education Members

From: Ellen E. Mauer, PhD

Subject: Membership in Lake County Educational Services Cooperative

Yearly, we consider membership in a number of organizations. One such organization is the LCESC. We get reduced staff development costs for each workshop our teachers take and 7 full days of consulting. We have used these each year and we find this very valuable. The cost is formula based and they did not raise the price from last year to this year. The price will remain at \$3209. There is an attachment outlining the services.

We would ask you to put this on the consent agenda for the next meeting.

Lake County Professional Development Cooperative Services (Comprehensive Membership Agreement)

The Lake County Professional Development Cooperative Service (Comprehensive Membership Agreement) was developed to enable the Educational Services Division to provide services to Lake County schools that could not be provided with State of Illinois funds alone. These funds allow the Educational Services Division to have additional staff members and to provide on-site assistance not available without these additional revenues.

Lake County Professional Development Cooperative Services include the above basic services, plus:

- In-district consultant services (including custom-designed workshops) in:
 - Math and Science
 - Language Arts, (reading and writing)
 - ISAT
 - Gifted and Fine Arts
 - Technology
 - Assessment, planning, school improvement, etc.

- Attendance at regional and locally funded workshops and training sessions at reduced prices
- Checkout of materials from Media Center (includes extensive AV, computer software, books, etc.)
- Reduced fee for Starlab rental
- Curriculum mapping and other curriculum development and evaluation services
- Textbook adoption services to guide textbook study committees in the selection of instructional materials
- Participation in Talent Search (SAT testing program for gifted student identification for fast-paced math and language arts programs offered through the College of Lake County)



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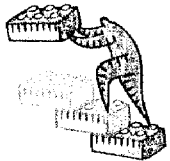
Description
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Services



LakeCounty
Regional Office of Education

Who Are We?

The Lake County Educational Services Division of the Lake County Regional Office of Education (LCESD). We provide staff development through workshops, training and graduate courses; consulting services; facilitation and planning services; plus technical assistance to schools and other educational agencies.



Our Mission:

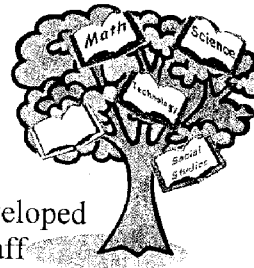
To be a valued partner to Lake County districts and schools as they pursue excellence in the ever-changing world of education. The LCESD will offer high quality consultant and facilitative staff development services that explore the boundaries of educational theory, maintain a global view of education, reflect the best qualities of a multi-skilled, multi-disciplined team approach to school improvement and center upon the jointly identified needs of the education community. The LCESD will encourage partners to build a community-wide education system that is characterized by members who are well informed, involved, reflective and always focused upon student achievement.

Basic Services:

Basic services are those services required by the legislation of 1994, which merged the Educational Service Centers into the new Regional Offices of Education. The law requires Regional Offices of Education to provide services in: Gifted Education, Computer Technology, Staff Development in Fundamental Learning Areas, Administrators' Academy, and to maintain a list of consultants. These services are available to all school districts in Lake County on a regional basis. Various workshops, staff development sessions, meetings, round tables, etc. are established on a Lake County regional planning schedule and are available for all Lake County school personnel; fees may apply.

Services available:

- Attendance at state-developed workshops, updates, staff development sessions, and technical assistance programs offered regionally
- Participation in round tables, needs assessments, etc. on a regional level
- Attendance at locally funded workshops at full price



- Use of library materials in the Media Center only
- Check-out of Starlab (portable) planetarium (upon LCESD training) at full price
- Phone call assistance from LCESD staff
- Lake County Learning Technology Center
 - Network consulting services
 - Email and web site hosting services
 - Access to state-sponsored training programs (e.g. technology planning, peer review, network design, etc.)
 - Assistance with the development and submission of district technology plans
 - Overviews of grant application process for technology and other programs
 - Assistance with Acceptable Use policies

