

Dear District 24 parents,

I want to update you on an issue that has arisen with the before and after school daycare providers operating at Millburn Central and Millburn West. I also want to make everyone aware of the current solutions presented to solve the problem. I will explain as clearly and briefly as possible.

The Problem: I was made aware on August 11th of potential DCFS licensing issues for two programs slated to be renting space in Millburn Schools during the 2011-12 school year, Afterschool Club® and Kindergarten Connections®. After contacting DCFS that day, we set a meeting for August 17th with the Afterschool Club®, DCFS, and Kindergarten Connections® to discuss the licensing requirements for these programs. After a lengthy meeting, it became clear that Kindergarten Connections® program and Afterschool Club® would not be able to complete the licensing requirements before the start of school and therefore, could not legally operate in the Millburn Schools.

Throughout the process, I have been in contact with our attorney. We discussed all our options in moving forward, namely, to dissolve the programs completely, or take over the programs using Millburn staff. Due to the time-sensitive nature of the problem, the school board called a special meeting for Saturday, August 20, to discuss the possibility of operating these programs in-house with Millburn staff.

Before and After School Care Solution: After lengthy discussion, the Millburn school board has authorized the administration to operate before and after school care for our students. The program will operate in a similar fashion as the Afterschool Club® at both Millburn Central and Millburn West, with a similar fee structure. We will plan to operate the program for the entire school year, and we will reevaluate the pros and cons of operating the program throughout the year as we consider options for the upcoming year.

Parents in need of before and after school care can still choose to enroll their children in outside facilities such as KinderCare® or the Lindenhurst Park District programs. Parents interested in registering for Millburn's before and after school care program, must submit a registration form to the office at Millburn West or fax the form to (847) 265-8198. The enrollment forms for the Millburn program are posted on the front page of our website.

Kindergarten Connections® Solution: After lengthy discussion, the Millburn school board did not take action to approve the operation of an extended day/childcare program for Kindergarten students. The program director of Kindergarten Connections® will be in contact with parents enrolled in this program.

Closing: Please feel free to contact me with any specific questions related to these programs. I look forward to seeing many of you on Monday evening at the supply

kit drop off, and I will be excited to see our children back in the learning environment on Tuesday.

Sincerely,

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