



NORTHERN REGION EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION

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To the Wonderful Riverdale Childcare Community:

Thank you again for your patience and understanding while our childcare department undergoes leadership and organizational changes. We have enjoyed the many years of partnership with the Riverdale Public School and look forward to even more success in the years to come.

First and foremost, we thank the many of you who have already signed up for summer and school year programs. During the past few weeks, we have engaged with both school district and community partners regarding our new approach to scheduling and pricing. The Commission has done its due diligence, and we are by far the best price in town for before, day, and after care options in this region. In addition, the proposed reorganization of selected days (5, 3, or 2 days) is in line with other private and public school providers within Riverdale, as well as Passaic County at large.

With that being said, the Commission has heard some of the concerns from parents and we have decided to provide a bit more flexibility to our programming choices, although we cannot return to *on demand/as needed* childcare (outside of *emergency before and/or after care*, which will be discussed below). The Commission will be revising its original plan for before, day, and after care options, with the following changes:

- Before, day, and after care options of 5, 4, 3, and 2 days per week will be provided to parents.
- In addition, parents will have the ability to choose the specific days of the week they want to send their children. For example, a parent signing up for 2 days per week can choose any two days which work best for their schedules.
- The Commission will provide an *emergency before and/or after care option* to parents with last-minute issues. Although the team at the childcare center will provide logistics (and pricing is outlined on the next page), parents will have until a set time per day to request before and/or after care through our payment website, whereby they will be able to prepay for that emergency support. To clarify, emergency childcare is NOT on demand/as needed childcare.

If you have any specific questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Susan Koger, our incoming Supervisor of Childcare, who starts officially on May 31, at skoger@nrresc.org. Susan and her team will be reaching out to parents who have already registered their children to make any adjustments based on this new information.

Warm Regards,

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