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CHILDREN LEFT UNSUPERVISED WILL COST PARENTS MONEY

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Dear Parents,

We love working with your children. We want them to participate in after school activities and have a safe place to go when their time at school is done. As a district, we will always do everything possible to be sure that students are safe and supervised. And to do this, we need your help.

- Please be sure that your **parent and emergency contact phone numbers are up-to-date**. If you have changed your phone number, added a number or just want to double-check that your information is correct, **please contact your school secretary and we can update that information immediately**.
- Please be sure that your or your emergency contact is someone who is **able to pick-up and supervise your child** after school or after school events. Emergency contacts should be local and able to come to the school quickly.
- Please be sure to have alternate plans and provide the schools with **several emergency contacts** in case one is not available.
- Please check to be sure you **know what time your child's after school activity ends** so that you can be sure they are supervised or have transportation at that time.

When students are not picked-up, the district is forced to stay after the event ends and provide supervision for them. This is not only unfair to teachers, sponsors and coaches, but makes it more difficult, in the future, to find staff members willing to provide the extra services and activities we all want for our students.

Additionally, we all know that child-care is expensive. A child left after school or an event also needs child-care which costs the district money.

As a result, beginning January 5, 2009, if it is necessary to supervise students for longer than 30 minutes after school or a school event and if an emergency contact is unable to pick up that student, parents will be charged \$20 for every 15 minutes the district is required to supervise that student. Additionally, a child left unsupervised after school or a school event will no longer be allowed to participate in these programs left unsupervised two times.

We have to continue to work together to keep our strong after school programs and keep students involved. One of the important roles that parents can play is making sure that students are supervised and picked-up after school and after school events.

Sincerely,

Tom Schneider, Superintendent