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Changes to Little Chargers Preschool for 2019-2020

The Edison Local Schools Administration and Board of Education are pleased to announce some very exciting changes in our Little Chargers Preschool program for 2019-2020 school year. After reviewing the current preschool schedule and the instructional time provided to students, the decision has been made to move our current staggered full-day program to a 4-day per week half-day program. While this will shorten the overall school day, it will increase the amount of direct instruction and play-based learning your child receives in the classroom each day.

As you may know, requirements for the licensing and operation of preschools in Ohio have changed drastically in the last five years. With these changes, we have had to reflect on our program and find ways to integrate additional instruction and classroom activities to promote both academic and social-emotional learning for our preschool students. By eliminating naptime and transitions throughout the day, we are able to increase the amount of learning time within the classroom from approximately 1.5 hours per day to 3 full hours per day. This offers consistency by having students attend school four days per week, instead of every other day, and helps in reinforcing classroom routines and practices.

We understand this does present a significant change to our families and community. In order to allow you adequate time to plan and prepare for the 2019-2020 school year, we wanted to provide you with the following information about the most critical changes to the program.

Sessions: All students will attend school Monday through Thursday each week. The Morning Session will run from **7:50 am to 11:05 am**. The Afternoon Session will run from **12:00 pm to 3:15 pm**. Parents will be able to choose their preferred session. All efforts will be made to provide parents with their first choice, though consideration will be given to returning students. Within each session, classrooms will be assigned to group students based on age, in order to provide developmentally appropriate learning activities.

Transportation: **Transportation will be provided for the Morning Session.** Students will be able to ride to school on existing bus routes. Those students needing transportation home will be provided bussing to a designated drop-off location in each community. Door-to-door transportation will not be provided going home from the Morning Session. **No transportation will be provided for students in the Afternoon Session.**

Food Services: Both sessions will have a designated snack time. Breakfast will be offered during the Morning Session. At this time the program is exploring the feasibility of offering school lunch during the Afternoon Session. More details on this will be forthcoming.

Tuition: Current tuition for our Monday-Wednesday-Friday students is \$2075 per year, or \$231 per month. Tuition for Tuesday-Thursday students is \$1775 per year, or \$198 per month. Starting in 2019-2020, **tuition will be \$1820 per year, or \$202 per month.**

The Little Chargers Preschool staff and administration are very eager to move forward with these enhancements to our program. We, along with you and your child, will all grow together through these changes. Our ultimate goal is to offer exceptional early childhood education to the children in our district to start them on the best path for success in school and beyond. **If you have any questions or concerns about these changes, please contact the Little Chargers Preschool office - 419.499.3000 ext. 1109. You may also email Davy Hermes, Elementary Principal, at dhermes@edisonchargers.org, or Stephanie Bradley, Director of Student Services, at sbradley@edisonchargers.org**