

## Changes to Latchkey Tuition Beginning 2023-24 School Year

The Valley Local School District Latchkey Program is announcing changes in tuition for the 2023-24 school year. It is important that parents/guardians understand these changes so that there is no pause in their child(ren)'s participation in the program. Here are the changes to the tuition:

- **Tuition must be paid in full PRIOR TO each month's participation.** For example, if your child will participate in Latchkey in August, the monthly tuition would need to be paid in full by August 15 (or whatever the day is prior to your child beginning), since school starts on the 16th. Unfortunately, there are current parents, as well as parents in the past, who have not paid their children's tuition. Over the past few years, the amount is in excess of \$5,000, which causes the program to borrow funds from the Board of Education so that the program can continue to pay for supplies, as well as staff salaries and benefits. Tuition will need to be paid by each date listed below:
  - Aug. 15, 2023
  - Sep 3, 2023
  - Oct. 1, 2023
  - Nov. 5, 2023
  - Dec. 3, 2023
  - Jan. 2, 2024
  - Feb. 4, 2024
  - March 3, 2024
  - April 1, 2024
  - May 5, 2024
- **Tuition will increase \$25 on the base price for the first/only child,** which results in the following monthly fee for one child:
  - \$75 - A.M. only
  - \$95 - P.M. only
  - \$145 - A.M. & P.M.
  - **Each additional child will add \$25 onto the base.** (Ex. You have 2 children attending P.M. only- the cost would be \$95 + \$25= \$120; or You have 3 children attending A.M. & P.M.- the cost would be \$145 + \$25 + \$25= \$195)

These changes are necessary because of the rising costs of supplies and personnel. The program tries to be self-sufficient, but that has not been achieved the past three years. We are sorry about these changes, but they are necessary for the program to continue to operate. If you have any questions or concerns about the program, please feel free to reach out to Lisa Harley, Program Coordinator at [lisa.harley@valleyls.org](mailto:lisa.harley@valleyls.org).