



# School District 27J 4-day School Week Impacts & Opportunities

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May 14, 2018

# Background

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- SD27J Superintendent announced 4-day school week March 19, 2018
- City Council requested that staff investigate childcare services and identify options that the City may provide to assist with services
- City staff met with representatives from SD27J in February & March to determine if assistance would be needed to manage the impacts of the 4-day school week



# Background

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- SD27J indicated that their plans would accommodate all elementary aged youth
- Identified gap → services for middle school aged youth; SD27J looking for others to fill the gap



# SD27J Programming

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- SD27J sent a survey to elementary families (K-5) regarding Monday childcare
- Over 700 families expressed interest
- The district can accommodate 1000-1200 participants
- Childcare will be available for \$30/day, 6:30am-6:00pm; **scholarships available**



# Bison Ridge Recreation Center

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- Families and/or stay at home parents/guardians with elementary age children have drop-in activities such as open swim and open gym time as well as child watch services (parent/guardian must be on-site) available at the Bison Ridge Recreation Center



# Middle School Survey Info

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- SD27J sent a survey to middle school families regarding Monday programming
  - 158 respondents indicated a desire for some programming (131 full day)



# City Proposed Programming (cont.)

- School time for middle school age group is 8:30 am-4:30pm
- Program planning would mirror that timeframe
- Monday program:
  - Clubs in the morning & afternoon (sports, tech, Legos, STEM, arts, junior lifeguarding, etc.)
  - Youth given opportunity for field trips and swimming throughout the day
  - 6 to 8 club options in the morning (participants can select up to 2)
  - 3 to 5 club options or swimming in the afternoon (participants can select up to 2)



# City Proposed Programming – sample schedule

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| Group 1 (40 middle schoolers) |  |
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| 8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.        | Club 1 (3-5 options)                                 |
| 10:15 a.m. – noon             | Club 2 (3-5 options)                                 |
| Noon – 12:30 p.m.             | Lunch  |
| 12:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.        | Club 3 (2-3 options)                                 |
| 2:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.         | Club 4 (2-3 options)                                 |
| 4:00 p.m. – 4:32 p.m.         | Pick up and/or swim lessons (pick up at gym or pool) |
| Group 2 (40 middle schoolers) |  |
| 8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.        | Club 1 (3-5 options)                                 |
| 10:15 a.m. – noon             | Club 2 (3-5 options)                                 |
| Noon – 12:30 p.m.             | Lunch  |
| 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.        | Field Trip   |
| 4:00 p.m. – 4:32 p.m.         | Pick up in gym                                       |





# City Proposed Programming – sample schedule

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| Group 1      |                                  |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| August 20    | Clubs at Bison Ridge all day     |
| August 27    | Clubs in AM and field trip in PM |
| September 3  | Off for Labor Day                |
| September 10 | Clubs at Bison Ridge all day     |
| September 17 | Clubs in AM and field trip in PM |
| Group 2      |                                  |
| August 20    | Clubs in AM and field trip in PM |
| August 27    | Clubs at Bison Ridge all day     |
| September 3  | Off for Labor Day                |
| September 10 | Clubs in AM and field trip in PM |
| September 17 | Clubs at Bison Ridge all day     |

# City Proposed Programming (cont.)

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- Program accommodates up to 80 kids; residents would have priority access
- 8 variable hour staff needed to run the program, plus contractual services
- 1-2 community rooms at Bison Ridge would be needed to facilitate the program, plus technology room, pool party rooms, swimming pool, etc.



# City Proposed Programming (cont.)

- Participants could register for one or more clubs OR full day program
- 2 club time slots in the morning and 2 club time slots in the afternoon
- Registration Fee (scholarships available):
  - \$15/club
  - \$30 for full day program (39% subsidy)
  - \$40 for full day program (18.7% subsidy)
  - \$49.20 for full day program (0% subsidy)
- Projected program expense: \$141,690



# City Proposed Programming (cont.)

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- SD27J & PRG mutually prefer to utilize the Bison Ridge Recreation Center
- SD27J agreed to provide bus service for field trips at a reduced rate
- Participants responsible for transportation to & from Bison Ridge Recreation Center
- PRG staff reached out to the City of Brighton and Reunion, as we cannot solely accommodate the anticipated middle school demand



# Additional Research

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- Charter Schools
  - Confirmed that Belle Creek & Landmark keeping 5-day schedule
- Belle Creek YMCA
  - Not offering any additional programs because they do not have space when school is in session
- Boys & Girls Club of Brighton
  - Planning to open on Mondays for 300 kids, all ages, first come first served for \$20/day
- The City of Brighton plans to create a similar middle school program as Commerce City
- Reunion - no additional programming at this time
- Suncor Boys & Girls Club primary service area ACSD14 and will continue to serve normal hours



# Additional Research (cont.)

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- Private Entities
  - Prestige: communicating with corporate; hope to offer something for up to age 12
  - Primrose: will not change or add anything
  - Goddard School: not aware of the change; limited budget and don't think anything will change
  - Numerous home based daycare providers that may or may not provide additional options



# City Council Feedback

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- What do you think about the proposed program offering?
- What do you think about the proposed program fee?
- If you have received feedback from your constituents regarding need for programming does the proposed level of service meet those needs?



# Next Steps

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If moving forward with middle school programming staff would ...

- Promote middle school age program in Fall program brochure (deadline June 6)
- Secure staff, supplies, contractual services, etc. for program
- Based on the SD27J school calendar first day of the program August 20, 2018





# Questions

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