

# Darien Public Schools

## Board of Education Report on Summer Programs 2016

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# Special Education Extended School Year Program

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- Students with an Individualized Educational Program (IEP) may be eligible for an Extended School Year (ESY) Program. Students with ESY services may also participate in the Darien Summer School Program.
- Students are determined eligible for an ESY Program at Planning and Placement Team (PPT) meetings.

# K-12 ESY Program Structure

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- The ESY Program was held from June 27, 2016 through July 29, 2016. Instruction and Related Services were provided Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 12:30pm
- Some students participated in up to two extension weeks (Bridge Weeks), if recommended at a PPT meeting
- Darien High School hosted students in grades K-12 who participated in the ESY Program
- Transportation was provided for students attending the program

# PK Summer Programs: Structure

- Tokeneke Elementary School hosted the Early Learning Program (ELP) and the Kindergarten Readiness Program for pre-kindergarten students with IEPs and typically developing students an integrated learning program
- The program was held from July 5, 2016 through August 11, 2016. Instruction and Related Services were provided Monday – Thursday, 8:00am – 11:45am
- Transportation was provided for students attending the program

# ESY Programs Student Enrollment

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299 students with IEPs attended the 2016 ESY Programs:

- 237 students in grades K-12 attended the ESY Program at DHS
- 62 PK students attended the programs at Tokeneke

# ESY Program Staffing

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- Staffing was determined based on the ESY Program (instruction and service hours) recommended at their PPT meetings.
- A total of 127 staff working collaboratively in the ESY and ELP Programs:
  - *Teachers, Paraprofessionals, Speech and Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Psychologists, Nurses, Board Certified Behavioral Analysts*

# ESY Staffing



# Services Offered

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- Academic / Instructional Services
- Social Skill Development and Behavior Support
- Related Services – *Speech and Language Therapy, Counseling, Occupational Therapy & Physical Therapy*
- Vocational Training/Community Participation
- Nursing



# Accomplishments: ELP and K-12 ESY Programs

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Meetings, staffing, and notification to families:

- Building-based staff grouped students to maximize their success in the program.
- Enhanced coordination between regular school year teachers/services providers and ESY Program staff.

# Darien Summer School 2016



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# Darien Summer School: Background

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- Comprehensive, diversified, learner-centered program
- Available to all students (Darien and other communities) in grades Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- 199 choices:
  - Academic classes, to include high school credit courses as well as enrichment
  - Variety of athletic, art, music and theatre programs

# Structure of Program

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- 5 week program
- Runs June 27, 2016 through July 29, 2016
- 7:30–8:30am extended day option (Cancelled due to low enrollment)
- 8:30–12:30pm (2 hour courses)
- 12:30–3:30pm, extended day offerings
- Weekly sports camps (varied times)

# Structure of Program

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## Middlesex Jump Start:

- Takes place the first 2 weeks of DSS
- Available to all 5th grade students transitioning to MMS
- 5th grade students from all 5 el's are invited

## Summer Pals Program (Tokeneke):

- 5 week program
- Available to children aged 3-5 designed to promote kindergarten readiness

# Student Enrollment

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- Total class registration 1,905 students
- Many students are enrolled in multiple classes

# Staffing

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- 125 staff members:
  - Certified teachers, athletic coaches and DHS student assistants

# Financial Summary

<b>DSS</b>	<b>Class Registrations</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Surplus</b>
2014	1455	643,391	214,950
2015	1386	624,408	196,110
2016	1354	631,783	204,313*



# Parent Feedback

99% of the parents who responded to the end of season survey said they would recommend DSS summer school to a friend.

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“DSS academic as well as artistic programs (both of which my kids take every year) offer an excellent balance of age appropriate educational material while still keeping it fun and interesting - with summer in mind.”

“I think the classes offered are great, the teachers are great, the three class option and times are also great.”

“The program was fun, well run, and my son enjoyed being there.”

# Parent Feedback

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“All of the teachers have been excellent. This year my children had Mrs. Watt, Ms. Battista, Ms. Muller and Ms. Stern. They may repeat those classes again next year as the teachers tailor their classes to each students needs.”

Thank you!

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