

June 12, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Last month, ECPPS released a survey to gauge interest in enrolling students in an after school program to be operated by our local YMCA for the 2024-25 school year. As we explained in the survey, our current After School Enrichment Program (ASEP), has seen a significant reduction in enrollment and is not breaking even at the rates being charged.

Rather than shut down the program completely, we have made the decision to partner with the YMCA to operate an after school care program at each of our elementary school sites. In addition to serving our elementary students, middle school students will also be eligible for enrollment in the YMCA program and will be served at the nearby elementary school site—Northside Elementary (walking from ECMS) or J. C. Sawyer (ECPPS bus transportation).

Included with this letter is a flyer from the YMCA announcing open enrollment information for the 2024-25 school year. The weekly fee will be \$79/week for Y members and \$105/week for non-members, with a 10% discount for sibling enrollment and additional discounts available for those who qualify through their Open Doors program. The Y's after school program will include daily homework help, enriching activities, and a snack.

The YMCA must meet a minimum enrollment number in order to operate their programs. They reserve the right to close any school site not meeting the required minimum enrollment. In the event that circumstances demand a site closure, parents will be notified in advance.

As a reminder, **PW Moore Elementary** is included in the enrollment, but MAY be operating an after school program under the 21st Century Community Schools grant. Parents of students enrolled at this site will be notified and offered the opportunity to transfer into the 21st Century Schools program if the grant is awarded to PW Moore Elementary in mid-July.

If you have questions, please contact Allie Brouwere from the YMCA at (757) 962-5555 or abrouwere@ymcashr.org.

We are already looking forward to an exciting 2024-25 school year!

Sincerely,

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