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Dear Parents/Guardians:

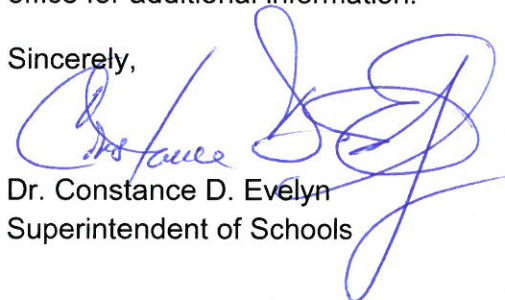
The SCOPE before/after school program recently distributed a letter to participating families stating that they may not be operating in our district in September. This announcement generated some inquiries to my office and I'm writing to explain the RFP (Request for Proposals) process currently underway in the hopes of allaying any fears of reduced childcare service to our families.

All public entities must operate fairly and transparently, and must be aware and conscious of situations that may appear to present a conflict of interest or a sense of favoritism. SCOPE has been providing their services to our district schools for many years. Additionally, the demographics of our community has changed over the last ten years notwithstanding, a sixteen percent increase in the rate of poverty. The Board and I agreed that it was necessary, in the interest of ensuring the provision of the highest quality and most responsive child care service, to put this opportunity out for bid in the form of a Request for Proposal (RFP). This does not mean that the Board is dissatisfied with SCOPE's performance, nor is it an indication that we are eliminating before/after school programs for our District. Any organization interested in offering their before/after school care program was invited to submit a written proposal.

The deadline for submissions of the RFP was Friday, May 11th. District Administration is in the process of reviewing the applications that were received according the specifications outlined in the RFP and a timely decision will be made. Again, our priority is providing the highest quality and most responsive school based childcare program to our community. You have our assurance that there will be a program in place for September.

I hope this communication provides clarity regarding this issue. Please feel free to contact my office for additional information.

Sincerely,



Dr. Constance D. Evelyn
Superintendent of Schools