

January 15, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of some exciting and important announcements regarding Southern Public School's preschool programs for the 2019-2020 school year!

### **New Preschool Name – Little Raiders Preschool**

Southern Public Schools ended the preschool partnership with ESU 5 in May of 2018 and we will end our preschool partnership with Head Start in May of 2019. For the 2019-2020 school year, Southern Public Schools Preschool will be called Little Raiders Preschool!

### **Enrollment Information**

Little Raiders Preschool registration will officially start on February 1 and it will run until March 15. The district will hold a registration day during parent teacher conferences at the Elementary School on Thursday, February 7. The registration day will run from 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and it will be held at the Elementary School library. There will be Southern staff available to help potential parents/guardians fill out the new Little Raiders Preschool application. Parents will also be notified of acceptance into Little Raiders Preschool by April 1.

Priority for enrollment into the Little Raiders Preschool program is based on the following indicators in order of importance:

1. Children Living Within the District Boundaries,
2. Kindergarten Eligible,
  - a. Must be 4 on or before July 31<sup>st</sup> for all-day 4-year-old program in Blue Springs,
  - b. Must be 3 on or before July 31<sup>st</sup> for half-day 3-year-old program in Blue Springs,
3. Income Eligibility,
4. Students with Disabilities,
5. English Learners, and
6. Date of Completion of the Preschool Application.

### **New 4-Year-Old Preschool Location**

In an effort to make things more convenient for parents and in an effort to increase student safety, the location of the 4-year-old preschool (Little Raiders Preschool) will be located in a room at the Elementary School during the 2019-2020 school year. The 3-year-old preschool program will still be located North of the Elementary School. The new location of the 4-year-old preschool will also help with transitioning kids from 4-year-old preschool to kindergarten and this will allow our 4-year-old preschool teacher and the kindergarten teachers time to collaborate on instructional items throughout the school year.

### **Transportation**

During the 2019-2020 school year, the district will start to provide transportation to all 3-year-old and 4-year-old preschool students for both the morning routes and the afternoon routes. The district will not be providing transportation during the midday routes when the morning 3-year-old preschool program ends and when the afternoon 3-year-old preschool program starts. The midday route will still be the responsibility of each parent or guardian.

### **Sliding Fee Scale**

The Little Raiders Preschool will offer enrollment to children according to the following tuition guidelines (Sliding Fee Scale):

#### **Little Raiders Preschool Sliding Fee Scale (3-Year-Old Preschool):**

Special Education (IEP):	No Cost
Free Meal Program Eligibility:	No Cost
Reduced Meal Program Eligibility:	\$30.00/per month
Full Pay Meal Program Eligibility:	\$60.00/per month

#### **Little Raiders Preschool Sliding Fee Scale (4-Year-Old Preschool):**

Special Education (IEP):	No Cost
Free Meal Program Eligibility:	No Cost
Reduced Meal Program Eligibility:	\$60.00/per month
Full Pay Meal Program Eligibility:	\$120.00/per month

Annual tuition is to be made in nine payments of \$60 or \$120 for Full Pay Meal Program eligibility. The first payment is due on or before August 21<sup>st</sup> and covers tuition for August and May combined. Subsequent payments are to be paid on the first of each month beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>. Other tuition payment options include advance quarterly, semester and annual payments. Failure to remit payment for program tuition will result in discontinued enrollment.

The Little Raiders Preschool will provide nutritionally-balanced meals for participating children. Children participating in the programs will have the opportunity to be served a full family-style meal during daily programming. Children will learn how to set up their own place settings as well as serve their own food independently. All children will be offered a daily snack, as well. If participation is chosen, the following are meal program costs:

#### **Meal Program (4 Days Per Week):**

Free Meal Eligibility:	No Cost
Reduced Meal Eligibility:	\$0.30 (Breakfast) and \$0.40 (Lunch)*
Full Pay Eligibility:	\$2.00 (Breakfast) and \$2.90 (Lunch)*

**\*Please Note:** The following lunch prices will change when the new state guidelines are released in July and advance monthly or periodic deposits into your child's lunch account are recommended.

Please feel free to contact the Elementary School with any questions or concerns that you might have regarding the changes to the Little Raiders Preschool program. We look forward to partnering with you throughout the upcoming school year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Christopher Prososki  
Superintendent