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A Message from your Discovery School Board of Directors:

When setting tuition rates, the Board of Directors takes many factors into consideration including family demographics, teacher salaries, and the inherent costs of an enriched, child-centered curriculum. Research shows that children who attend high quality early childhood programs where curriculum goals are integrated across all the learning domains are better prepared to meet the complex demands of formal schooling. Among the greatest indicators of a quality program are developmentally appropriate curriculums, low student: teacher ratios, qualified, nurturing staff, and diverse opportunities for family involvement. Discovery School embodies all of these standards of excellence!

With this in mind, the Discovery School Board of Directors has approved the following tuition rates for the 2021-2022 school year:

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| 2 Day | \$300 |
| 3 Day | \$400 |
| 5 Day | \$580 |
| Kindergarten | \$700 |
| First Grade | \$735 |

This 1-2% tuition increase ensures we are able to maintain these standards of excellence while remaining reasonably priced for families. We understand an increase in tuition can often be a point of concern, however it is important to consider the overall value of your investment. When you break down your monthly tuition, your cost for this level of quality ranges from \$11.11/hr for 3 days/week to \$6.80/hr for Kindergarten!

The Board also recognizes the importance of meeting the economic needs of our families, particularly in a year that has produced unexpected financial hardship for so many in our community. Our Discovery School Scholarship Committee is committed to offering financial aid to families in need of assistance. Scholarship application forms will be available on ParentSquare and/or at registration. The committee will review each application submitted regardless of where the applicant falls within the financial guidelines and will strive to continue to make Discovery School accessible to as many families as possible. We are happy to announce that we will be able to continue to award an additional 10% in scholarship funds for all Kindergarten and 1st Grade scholarship recipients.

If you have any questions regarding next year's tuition rates or how to pursue a Scholarship opportunity, please feel free to contact Mary Stanchak, our Director, or Cynthia Rodriguez, Office Manager.

Sincerely,

Discovery School Board of Directors