

## **Grosse Pointe Public School System Child Care Department**

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### **August 31, 2021**

Dear Kids Club/Mid Club Families:

As of August 31, 2021 the Kids Club program is lacking the amount of staff needed to adequately start the school year at each elementary and middle school building. While we have continuously advertised to elicit candidates, we have not had great success. Because of this, the following changes have been made for the start of the 2021/22 School year:

#### **Ferry Kids Club:**

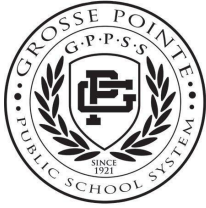
- Temporarily close Ferry Kids Club.
  - Ferry Kids Club is one of the two schools with the lowest enrollment numbers.
  - If parents from Ferry want their student(s) to attend Kids Club at Mason, a busing service will be provided. This service is being offered so that we are able to continue to provide Kids Club while staying within state mandated ratios.
- The busing service will be offered in the morning and afternoon. Usage will be identified using the Kids Club Busing Permission Form: [Kids Club Busing Permission Form](#)
  - Once completed, please submit a form to [fletchc@gpschools.org](mailto:fletchc@gpschools.org) or [schrams@gpschools.org](mailto:schrams@gpschools.org).
- Ferry Kids Club will reopen as soon as additional staff members are obtained.

#### **Richard Kids Club:**

- Temporarily close Richard Kids Club.
  - Richard Kids Club is one of the two schools with the lowest enrollment numbers.
  - If parents from Richard want their students to attend Kids Club at their closest Kids Club site (Maire), a busing service will be provided. This service is being offered so that we are able to continue to provide Kids Club while staying within state licensing mandated ratios.
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- Richard Kids Club will reopen as soon as additional staff members are obtained.

#### **Brownell Mid Club:**

- There will be NO Mid Club at Brownell.
- Brownell Mid Club students will attend Kerby Kids Club
- Brownell students will have to walk to/from Brownell and Kerby.
  - A written plan will be provided to families and staff at both buildings.



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### **Parcells Mid Club:**

- There will be NO Mid Club at Parcells.
- Parcells Mid Club students will attend Mason Kids Club
- Parcells students will have to walk to/from Parcells and Mason.
  - A written plan will be provided to families and staff at both buildings.

### **Pierce Mid Club:**

- There will be NO Mid Club at Pierce.
- Pierce Mid Club students will attend Defer Kids Club
- Pierce students will have to walk to/from Pierce and Defer.
  - A written plan will be provided to families and staff at both buildings.

### **Kids Club Office**

- Kids Club Office staff will be subbing at different locations each morning and afternoon.
- The best way to contact us will be through email. We will return all messages as timely as we are able.

While we understand that these decisions can negatively impact many families, in order to remain in compliance with our state mandated ratios, we had to make this difficult decision. Once we are able to hire additional staff, we will open Kids Club sites at Ferry and Richard. If staffing and interest is high enough, we will then begin to open Mid Club sites at the middle school buildings.

Know of a kind and caring individual who is interested in working with children? If so, please have them contact [fletchc@gpschools.org](mailto:fletchc@gpschools.org) for more information regarding open positions, as well as signing and retention bonuses!

If you are interested in utilizing our program at your alternative school listed above, please let us know by Thursday, September 2 so that we can make the appropriate changes.

Families of students utilizing the busing system (Trinity Transportation) will be dropped off at either Mason (Ferry students) or Maire (Richard students). The bus will leave at 8:05am in order to get students to their home school. Students will be picked up from Ferry/Richard at 3:45pm and taken to either Mason or Maire for afternoon Kids Club.

Thank you for your understanding.

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