



SUFFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Superintendent

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***** Pay to Participate & Pay to Park *****

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I would like to provide a brief correspondence regarding Pay to Participate and Pay to Park. At this evening's Board of Education meeting, a decision was made to eliminate both Pay to Participate and Pay to Park for the 2019-2020 school year. Due to the current financial status of the district's budget, the Board of Education determined it was not necessary to implement these fees to offset expenses.

The Board of Education's timely decision this evening was based on the higher than expected savings from staff turnover during the months of June, July, and August. In fairness to the families and the students of the Suffield Public Schools, the Board of Education made a decision to do away with the fees that they deemed were no longer necessary to balance the budget and maintain quality programming for our students. Although we have realized some savings in certified staff replacements, it is important to note that all positions have been filled with experienced and highly qualified teachers who are eager to join our Suffield learning community.

In closing, for students who have already submitted parking fees for the year, the Business Office will be mailing reimbursements within the next week. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Hoff at 860.668.3202 or bhoff@suffield.org.

We are looking forward to a wonderful 2019-2020 school year.

Sincerely,
Tim
Timothy M. Van Tassel
Superintendent of Schools