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Our vision as a school community is to *be the school district of choice, inspiring excellence in academics, arts, and activities.* We strive to do this every day by *empowering students with knowledge and skills to succeed.*

Below, Community Education Director Macy Whiteside shares an update on the Community Education Department's School Age Care program recently implemented. The public is invited to our annual World's Best Workforce (WBWF) Public Meeting to be held at 6:00 pm on Monday, October 21, 2019, prior to the start of the regular School Board Meeting at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the Secondary School Media Center in New Richland. At the meeting, staff will present a summary of the District's progress in meeting the objectives of the WBWF plan for the 2018-2019 school year. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to provide feedback that will be used in developing our WBWF plan for 2019-2020 which will be presented to the School Board at the November School Board meeting.

A reminder that the School Board conducts its regular monthly meeting on the third Monday of each month. The location of the meeting is rotated monthly between the NRHEG Secondary School Media Center in New Richland and the NRHEG Elementary School Media Center in Ellendale. The October 21, 2019, School Board meeting will be at the Secondary School beginning at 6:30 pm and the November 18, 2019, School Board meeting will be at the Elementary School beginning at 6:30 pm.

We celebrate together in the accomplishments of our students because we are in this journey together as a school community. Thank you for all you do to support NRHEG Public Schools and our students!

NRHEG School Age Child Care

By Macy Whiteside

A goal of NRHEG Community Education is to improve outcomes for all youth through the use of successful programming aimed at bringing people together through the inclusion of kinship, friendship, ideas, and culture. Education is a lifelong process and everyone in a community needs to share in the responsibility of educating and caring for all community members.

One inevitable task parents face is finding the ideal childcare setting for their infant or young child. Whether you choose in-home or center-based care, preschool, or someone else's home for your child's daily care setting you should follow some specific guidelines to ensure your child is receiving quality, professional care. Before choosing a daycare, you should be aware of the options available and consider the cost, location and reputation.

If you're considering a day care center or other group setting, spend some time observing the center and talking to parents with children in attendance. Ask yourself a variety of questions such as the center's policy on parent visits, how children are grouped, how old the playground equipment is, what is the educational background of the staff, will your child be happy there, will they have an opportunity to learn

and grow in the environment, etc. As a parent, it is your responsibility to ensure that your child is safe and happy in a child care environment that is fun, educational, and nurturing!

School Age Care (SAC) is the fastest growing area of child care today and is ripe with opportunities to fulfill the safety and social needs of our youth. Single parent and dual career families have created a huge need for qualified programs to take care of their children while parents work. Children are provided with adult supervision, organized physical activities, arts & crafts, homework help, socialization opportunities, and play time in a safe and familiar environment within local school buildings. SAC is a necessary and vital program utilized by most communities and is changing the way Americans look at family and community life by sharing in the responsibility of raising children.

SAC is a new program in our area that is operated by the NRHEG Public Schools and Community Education providing before and after school care for students in Kindergarten through Grade 5. SAC's daycare program operates in the mornings from 6:30 am until school begins and after school is released until 6:00 pm Monday-Friday during the school year, and from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm on non-school days and throughout the summer to offer consistency and convenience many families need.

The SAC program is organized by professionals in the field of child development and staffed by trained personnel to maintain an average ratio of one staff person for every 8-15 children depending on age. A quality daycare should be a place where all children receive individual care and attention, learn how to get along with others and feel good about themselves. SAC offers a large variety of activities that include opportunities for individual and group participation while providing a balance between self-selected and staff-directed activities. SAC is a friendly and caring environment that encourages children to develop lasting relationships with other children and adults, giving children that 'home away from home' feel.

During your adventure of trying to find that perfect daycare, keep in mind that if none of the candidates meet your expectations, don't settle for the best of the worst. Instead, review your care requirements, begin your search again, and consider asking neighborhood parents or coworkers for recommendations. Choosing a child care arrangement for your child is an important responsibility. It takes time, planning and patience to find the right caregiver – but it is worth the effort!

If you would like more information about School Age Care, please do not hesitate to call Marnee White at 507-417-2626 or email marnwhite@nrheg.k12.mn.us