



Uxbridge Extended Day

Uxbridge Public Schools

Kindergarten Kid's Club, Taft Kid's Club and Whittin EXTRA

PO Box 307

North Uxbridge, MA 01538

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

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LEADERSHIP/CULTURE:

This was certainly one of the more eventful school openings, with adjusting to a new schedule and then doing it again a few weeks later! The staff rallied to both situations, allowing for smooth transitions in both cases. We have asked a lot of a reduced staff and they have come through. They are professionals and I applaud their dedication.

BUDGET

We had a lot of contract changes due to the adjusted hours which will impact our revenue, but we should be able to make up some of it with budget adjustments. We were forced to reduce our staff's hours even more due to the Taft school hours change. Most of the September tuition is collected. Thus far, the September tuition collected for this school year is \$45,905.70 (as of 9/28). Our expenditures have been very conservative and we are well ahead of our debits as they are presented in the town's accounting system. We will continue to update the school committee monthly on our progress. Mrs. Baldanza or the acting Director will continue to meet with Mr. Sawyer to review accounts.

GENERAL OPERATIONS/SAFETY

Due to budget constraints, we will be minimizing our field trips this year as we did last year. We are working out the particulars of space sharing during the half days and professional development days, when historically we used to be off on trips.

OTHER

As many of you already know, I will be retiring at the end of October. I have served as Director of this program since its first year of operations (1989) and it is with mixed emotions that I chose to retire at this time. I am anxious to spend more time with my grandchildren who are out of state and I look forward to advocating for children in other capacities. I hope to spend some time on my painting and my writing. I thank you, the school committee for caring enough about the children of this community to give of your time and energy to improve their lives. Uxbridge has embraced the concept of "community school"---caring not only about a child's education, but also supporting families so that we can produce, not only good scholars but also responsible citizens of our community. I thank you for allowing me to be a part of that.

I will miss the work, the people and most especially, the children.

Respectfully submitted by Angeles Baldanza

