



Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Beverly Hills Unified School District Committee will conduct a Special Meeting, at the following time and place, and will address the agenda listed below:

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. Rexford Drive
Room 280A
Beverly Hills, CA 90210**

IN-PERSON / TELEPHONIC / VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING

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**Friday, June 10, 2022
8:30 AM**

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AGENDA

- 1) Public Comment
 - a. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

- 2) BHUSD Joint Task Force Update on Implementation of the Universal Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Program in Beverly Hills

- 3) Future Agenda Items

4) Adjournment



Huma Ahmed
City Clerk

Posted: June 8, 2022

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CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
COMMUNITY SERVICES

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council Liaison / BHUSD Committee

FROM: Patty Acuna, Assistant Director of Community Services

DATE: June 9, 2022

SUBJECT: BHUSD Joint Task Force Update on Implementation of the Universal Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Program in Beverly Hills

ATTACHMENT: None

INTRODUCTION

On Monday, March 21, 2022, the Beverly Hills City Council Liaisons / BHUSD Committee met to discuss Assembly Bill 22 (AB 22) and the impact it will have in our community and upon the BHUSD and the City's Community Services Department programming. The Council Liaisons / BHUSD Committee recommended the creation of a Joint Task Force comprised of District and City staff to collaborate and work together to best address impacts from, and capitalize on opportunities presented by the CA State's mandatory Universal TK program upon both the District and City programming.

DISCUSSION

On Tuesday, March 22, the Joint Task Force met including District employees and City staff tasked to collaborate on development and implementation of early childhood services that would provide the community with a "wrap around" solution to both educational and childcare services in the City. At the time of this first meeting, BHUSD had begun to accept fall enrollment of children with birthdays before June 30, 2018, on a first-come, first-serve basis. A total number of 73 students had enrolled initially at both schools. Based upon anticipated enrollment, it was expected that there would be a need for 2-to-3 additional classrooms at Hawthorne Elementary and 1-to-2 additional classrooms at Horace Mann. As of the week of April 26, Hawthorne's enrollment had grown to 52 students (equaling a three-classroom capacity) and 28 students at Horace Mann (which will necessitate two additional classrooms). The new TK program will operate Monday - Friday, 8:30am – 1pm.

Community Services currently offers five preschool programs with two located on the Hawthorne Elementary campus from 9am – 2pm in dedicated rooms that include age-appropriate furniture, restrooms and an enclosed outdoor play area. The remaining three City Preschool programs are located at park sites, which include Coldwater Canyon, La Cienega Community Center and Roxbury Clubhouse (which currently remains virtual). Both City Preschool and Afterschool Childcare programs are state licensed and have specific site

requirements based on the age groups enrolled in each of these programs. Preschool is offered by the City to children ages 3-5 years old. By increasing the age of the District's free Universal TK program, the City preschool program would lose program participants that are 4 and 5 years old. Preschools operating at park sites are open to non-residents and could continue being offered to 3-5 year olds that do not reside in the City based upon current enrollment of non-residents and the extensive waitlists for City preschools at these sites.

City staff sent a welcome letter and short survey in mid-April to gauge the interest for afterschool enrichment / childcare services starting in fall 2022. The survey results indicated 51% of the responses from Hawthorne Elementary and 48.2% from Horace Mann. This equated to a total of 29 responses with (44%) of parents responding that they would be interested in childcare until 3pm; and another 30% interested in childcare until 4PM. Lastly, over 59% of parent responses indicated that they have a second child / sibling attending a BHUSD school. Based on the limited responses received from this early survey, we anticipate that interest in childcare may grow exponentially as the start of the 2022/23 school year approaches. With the school year now coming to a conclusion, the most recent update on TK student registration indicates enrolled has now grown to 89 students.

With the current numbers of interested parents at each of the schools, City staff identified the following will be required to offer services to new incoming 4 and 5 year olds: the City will need to apply for two additional state licensing certificates; require one additional classroom at both Hawthorne and Horace Mann Elementary in addition to the current classrooms offering *Adventure Camp*; and request for funding for four additional Regular Part-Time Childcare Counselors (RPT). Per California State Licensing rules, the child to staff ratio is 1:8 and the maximum number of students enrolled would be limited to a total of 16 students per class.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact of increasing afterschool childcare programming for one additional classroom at each elementary school would require City funding to hire four additional Childcare Counselors. Total cost of this additional staffing would be \$187,266.80 (4 positions at \$46,816.70)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council Liaisons / BHUSD Committee review and recommend additional City funding to Council to provide necessary staff resources for childcare services as part of the expansion of Universal Transitional Kindergarten.