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Dear Pre-Kindergarten Parent(s) or Guardians,

After two failed budget referenda the Preston Board of Education was faced with the difficult challenge of reducing the requested budget. At their meeting on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 the Preston Board of Education voted to re-establish a Pre-K attendance fee for the coming school year. The administration is in the process of developing an explanation of procedures necessary to implement the fee structure for this school year. As the details are being worked out we wanted to provide the following information to you for your planning purposes. There will be more information to come.

- Both planned Pre-K classrooms will be implemented this year with the assigned staffing and programming.
- There will be no fee for students selected through the IDEA identification process as per law.
- Local newspapers reported a \$75.00 a week as a discussion point at the Board meeting. However, the Board continued its conversation and as part of a resolution of other budgetary matters the Board allowed some adjustment in the final fee number. Therefore, the fee will be calculated based on 40 weeks of school and be set at a weekly amount. The estimated cost will be \$4,000 per year or \$100.00 per week. For Reduced Lunch families the fee will be \$3200.00 a year or \$80.00 per week. The Free Lunch families will assume a fee of \$2,400.00 per year or \$60.00 per week. There is no per day fee. Free and reduced criteria were used for differentiation of costs and are not used for distribution of meals.
- The fee for Pre-K will be paid on monthly based. The first payment will be due on September 1, 2018.

All students currently enrolled may attend the Pre-K program based on the fee criteria. The program will include both classrooms and will be capped at a per class membership of 18 students with 3 additional slots held in each class for special education students who become eligible during the year. For your information, there is currently a total of 31 students enrolled in the program.

The Board appreciates your understanding in these challenging times. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Preston Veterans' Memorial School office or the Superintendent's office.

For the Preston Board of Education,

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