



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

To: Indiana State Board of Education Members
From: Timothy Schultz, General Counsel—Indiana State Board of Education
Date: September 4, 2019
RE: Latch Key Program Waiver Request—South Ripley School Corporation

Recommendation: Approve the Latch Key Program Waiver Request.

South Ripley School Corporation (“SRSC”) is seeking approval of a school-age child care program requirement waiver for the 2019-2020 school year. Approval by the Indiana State Board of Education (“Board”) is required for Latch Key program waivers according to IC 20-26-5-2.

School-age child care programs, commonly known as Latch Key programs, are programs which provide care and education for children of working parents. This program is designed to be a link between the home and the school. Certified, qualified and experienced child care providers supervise, teach and interact with children to ensure that they are cared for, supervised, exposed to many learning activities, allowed to complete homework and share enjoyment in a relaxed and carefully designed developmentally appropriate environment.

A school corporation may seek a waiver from the child care program requirement if the school corporation believes compliance with the requirement would result in “undue hardship.” IC 20-26-5-2(c) explains:

(c) A school corporation shall receive a waiver from the state board of the requirement under subsection (a) if the school corporation believes that the school corporation would experience an undue hardship due to a low number of eligible children intending to use a child care program, regardless of whether the child care program is conducted by the school corporation or under a contractual agreement. **To receive a waiver, the school corporation must include a detailed description of the school corporation's attempt to implement a child care program, including the following:**

- (1) A description of the steps taken to:
 - (A) conduct a child care program described in subsection (a)(1); or
 - (B) actively solicit nonprofit organizations or for-profit organizations to implement a child care program as provided in subsection (a)(2).
- (2) Evidence that a request in writing was made to each parent to contact the school corporation to indicate the parent's willingness to use a child care program and documentation of the results received from parents.

In other words, to be eligible for such a waiver, the school corporation must demonstrate that it has made a good-faith effort to determine the feasibility of creating such a program as well as parent interest in utilizing a Latch Key program.

The Indiana Department of Education's ("Department") publicized deadline for all waiver requests is September 1st of each year.¹ SRSC's Latch Key program waiver request was submitted prior to the deadline.

SRSC provided supporting documentation, including:

- A written description of the steps taken to determine the feasibility of a Latch Key program and/or to actively solicit other non-profit or for-profit organizations to implement the program.
- Evidence that a request in writing was made to all parents to contact the school corporation to indicate their willingness to utilize the Latch Key program and documentation of any parental survey results.
- Analysis of parent interest and projected attendance from the implementation of such a program.
- The nature of the hardship that the school corporation would experience due to a low number of eligible children intending to utilize the Latch Key program services.

The Department has deferred to the Board's discretion for approval or rejection of SRSC's Latch Key program waiver request for the 2019-2020 school year.

Recommendation: as IC 20-26-5-2(c) states that a "school corporation shall receive a waiver" if it provides the information outlined in the statute, Board staff recommend granting the waiver.

¹ <https://www.doe.in.gov/21stcccl/latch-keyschool-age-child-care-program>



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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WAIVER FORM

Indiana State Board of Education
School-Age Child-Care Program Waiver
Submission Date: _____

Deadline: September 1st (Annually)

SOUTH Ripley requests a waiver of the requirement that it make a school-age child-care program available to all children in Kindergarten through Grade Six as required by IC 20-26-5-2, because the school corporation would experience an undue hardship due to the low number of eligible children intending to use the child care program. In support of this request, the school corporation submits the following detailed description of its attempt to implement a child care/latchkey program:

1. A description of the steps taken by the school corporation to conduct a latch-key program or to actively solicit other nonprofit organizations or for-profit organizations to implement the program as described in IC 20-26-5-2(a). [IC 20-26-5-2(c)(1)]
2. Evidence that a request in writing was made to all parents to contact the school corporation to indicate their willingness to utilize the latch-key program. Attach a copy of the survey along with documentation of the results received from parents in this regard. [IC 20-26-5-2(c)(2)]
3. The nature of the hardship that the school corporation would experience due to a low number of eligible children intending to utilize the services of the latch-key program, as described in item 2 of this request, regardless of whether the latch-key program is conducted by the school or under a contractual agreement. [IC 20-26-5-2(c)]

The school corporation believes that the hardship described in item 3 of this request constitutes an undue hardship, and requests that the Indiana State Board of Education grant a waiver of the requirements of IC 20-26-5-2 for the

2019-2020 school year.

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(Superintendent's Signature)

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1. South Ripley Community Schools has been in contact with the Children of Hope preschool located within the school district. Children of Hope provides latchkey services on a daily basis. South Ripley Community Schools provides transportation as needed to their location for these services.
2. Evidence is attached. Parents were notified via school newsletter as well as a Facebook parent page post. Parents were encouraged to notify the school if they had an interest. The newsletter and spreadsheet of parent contact is attached.
3. Due to minimal parent interest, South Ripley would not be able to fund a staff position to run a latchkey program. Only one parent contacted the school to express interest in the program.

2018 - 2019	
Parent Name	Number of Children
Danielle Henry	2

February 8, 2019

South Ripley
Emergency School

DRYDEN NEWS

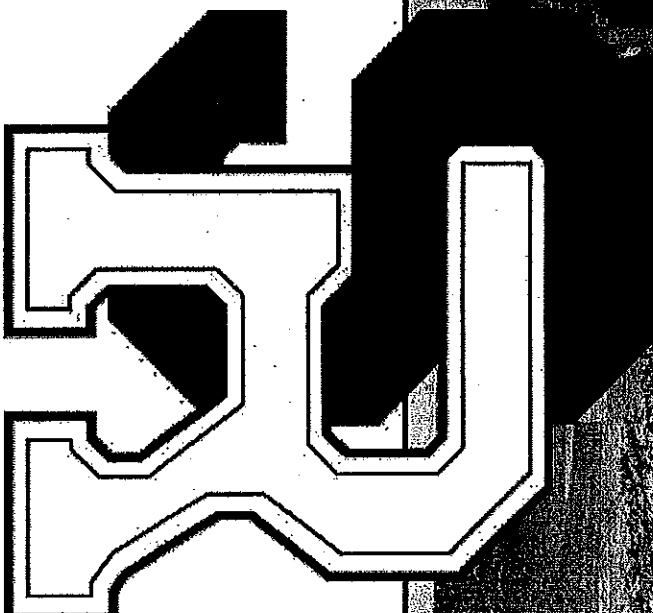
"South Ripley educates students today, to become responsible citizens of tomorrow."

Amy Linkel - Principal

Ryan Lauber - Assistant Principal



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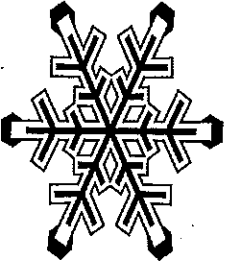


HAPPY BIRTHDAY



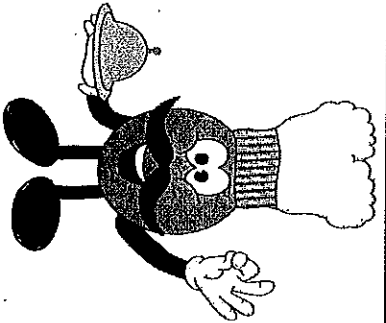
- February 3**
 Caden Mzingo
February 5
 Lilly Sullivan
February 7
 Maxwell Franklin
February 8
 Kyle Demaree
 Alex Jolly
February 9
 Aaliyah Rodriguez
 Kammyn Seabolt
February 10
 Lyla Cox
 Graham Meisberger
February 13
 Owen Nickell
February 14
 Kyle Martin
 Trenton Smith
February 15
 Bristol Lanham
 Jayden McDaniel
 Isalah Thieman
February 16
 Ariston Cantu
 Aiden Hunt
February 17
 Madison Melton
February 19
 Ashlee Miller
 Landon Bradley
February 20
 Lillian Harrison
 Lila Kissell
February 21
 Lynze Wilson

- February 21**
 Mrs. Alicia Byard
 Lynze Wilson
February 22
 Mrs. Lisa Gilpin
 Faye Booher



PARENT INFORMATION

Our school is required to survey parents each year to see of there is a need to an after school care program for children in-grades K-6. There would be a registration fee and weekly fees for such a program. Our corporation has not committed itself to provide these services at this time. Parents who would like more information are asked to contact the elementary school office by Friday, February 22.



NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH DAYS

National School Lunch Week is celebrated each school year. In celebration of National School Lunch Week, we are inviting parents to eat a school lunch with their children. We will be highlighting our nutritious school lunches, giving parents a taste of what the students eat every day. We ask that parents do not bring food in from area restaurants during school lunch days. Parents should park in the side parking lot.

Grades KG - 6 will have lunch from 12:15 - 12:45 PM.
 PK will have lunch from 10:45 - 11:15 PM

Adult lunch is \$3.30 and may be paid in the office prior to eating.

- Grade 6 February 19
- Grade 5 February 21
- Grade 4 March 5
- Grade 3 March 12
- Grade 2 March 14
- Grade 1 April 2
- KG April 4
- PK April 11

WINTER WEATHER

Parents can sign up for NIXLE to receive notification via text or emails about schools closings. Visit our website under the "Students & Parents" tab, or call our office to receive more information. Please tune to local television and/or radio stations, for the most up-to-date weather forecast notifications. A list of all radio and television stations can be found in your child's handbook.

Some are listed below:

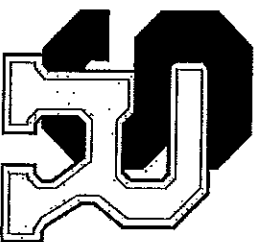
- www.stipley.k12.in.us
- Channels 5, 9, & 19
- FM 92.5, 99.3, 103.9, & 105.1

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

The dates listed below will be two-hour delay days:

- February 20
- April 10

Bus service will remain the same, with your child being picked up exactly two hours later than normal. Breakfast will not be served on these days.



17/18

Parent Name	Number of Children	Called
Danielle Henry	2	5/14/18
Brandy Miller	2	5/21/18
Beth Schmatz	2	emailed 5/23/18

16/17

Parent Name	Number of Students
Stacy Eaglin	3
Kathleen French	2
Danielle Henry	2
Lindsey Hostetter	1
Tara Day	3
Josh Montgomery(Jamieson Barrett)	1