

**EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING – April 19, 2010**

**Carl T. Secor Administration Center – Board Room**

**7:30 P.M.**

**ADDENDUM A**

**XX. POCONO FAMILY YMCA**

*(The following item(s) are to be deleted from the consensus motion at Board Member(s) request.)*

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Motion to authorize the Administration and Solicitor to negotiate a contract with Pocono Family YMCA for the provision of before and after school child care programs in District schools.

(See pages 2-3)

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# Pocono Family YMCA

*We build strong kids, strong families and strong communities!*

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## Pocono Family YMCA Educational Enrichment Program for East Stroudsburg School District

The Pocono Family YMCA is a non-profit charitable organization under paragraph 501-c3 of the Internal Revenue code. We are dedicated to developing, spirit, mind, and body in the youth and families of Monroe County. The YMCA serves all people regardless of religion, race, income, age, ability or gender. Our livelihood and effectiveness depends on donations, volunteerism, and partnering from our community members.

The Pocono Family YMCA's goal has always been to put provide safe, secure and educational programs while following a framework of developmental assets. This framework identifies 40 critical factors for young people's growth and development. When drawn together, the assets offer a set of benchmarks for positive child and adolescent development. The assets clearly show the important roles of families, schools, congregations, neighborhoods, youth organizations and others in the communities in shaping young people's lives. They provide a powerful framework for how YMCAs engage children, youth, families, and communities. While working with the elementary schools the YMCA would like to include some of these key building blocks of healthy development that will help the young children grow up caring, competent and responsible.

Examples of some of these key building blocks are:

**Support** – Young children need to experience support, care and love from their families, neighbors and many others.

**Empowerment** – Young children need to be valued by their community and have opportunities to contribute to others. For this to occur, they must be safe and feel secure.

**Boundaries and expectations** – Young children need to know what is expected of them and whether activities and behaviors are "in bounds" or "out of bounds".

**Constructive use of time** – Young children need constructive, enriching opportunities for growth through creative activities, youth programs, and quality time at home.

**Focus** – Our responsibility to young children is to nurture and guide choices for a sense of purpose and focus.

**Commitment to learning** – Young children need to develop a lifelong commitment to education and learning.

**Positive Values** – Youth need to develop strong values that guide their choices.

**Positive Identity** – Young children need a strong sense of their power, purpose, worth and promise.

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Using these building blocks the Pocono Family YMCA would like to offer the East Stroudsburg Area School District the YMCA Educational Enrichment Program. The following is a general outline of the curriculum that the Pocono Family YMCA would offer:

\*Music and Language (included in this is tutoring and homework time)

\*Games and Manipulative

\*Snacks and Nutrition

\*Discovery, Science and Nature

\*Arts and Crafts

\*Dramatic play and Creative play

\*Physical Education and Health

The Poconos Family YMCA acknowledges that childcare continues to be among the fastest growing programs at the YMCA. As such we are committed to providing high-quality programs to nurture the healthy development of children. The success of our off-site programs is contingent upon strong relationships with our host schools and their staffs. Therefore, the YMCA's program is based on these goals:

To build and maintain relationships, provide a unique educational experience, and to be responsible to the families we serve and to the schools that allow us to use their facilities. We would like to expand our curriculum to the schools in East Stroudsburg under the school related title. We consider our program to be an educational enrichment program and request that any fees be waived. We are requesting the use of 5 elementary schools from 6:30am to 8:45am and 3:30pm to 6:30pm Monday through Friday.

We are also requesting a multi-year agreement so that our parents will feel secure that there will be a program year after year to send their children. Our goal has always been to put the children and their families first and to give the parents a secure feeling that their children are somewhere safe and well cared for each morning and afternoon.

We would like to thank the members of the school board and the administration in advance for taking the time to review this proposal. We are hopeful that we will be able to work together again to provide a much needed program to the students and families of the East Stroudsburg Area School District.

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