



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

July 1, 2011

Dear A+ Program Parents:

Effective July 1, 2011, the new base fee for the After-School Plus (A+) Program will increase from \$80 to \$85 per month for each child. There will be no sliding scale discount.

The A+ Program fee increase was a necessary response to increasing program costs and the elimination of the A+ Program general fund subsidy by the Legislature in the school year 2010-11. The new fee reflects our desire to apply the increase fairly to all participants while maintaining efficient, self-sustaining, and a quality after-school care program.

We realize that the fee increase might be a hardship for some of our parents, and regret that the Department of Education can no longer afford to subsidize a portion of the program cost for all participants. With this new fee schedule, we have sought to keep the program as affordable and fair as possible, while meeting the needs of Hawaii's children and working parents.

Students on free and/or reduced-price lunch status will continue to receive subsidy for the A+ Program. Please check with your school office regarding eligibility and applications.

Thank you for your understanding and continued participation in the A+ Program. For more information, please contact Ms. Janice Chong, Educational Specialist for the Extended Learning Opportunities and Student Support Section, at (808) 203-5510 or via e-mail at janice_chong@notes.k12.hi.us.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathryn S. Matayoshi".

Kathryn S. Matayoshi
Superintendent

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c: Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Student Support