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RE: YKSD Boarding Home Program

YKSD will again be offering the Boarding Home Reimbursement Program in 2016-17 to students who meet eligibility requirements. This reimbursement program is intended to assist families with the cost of housing their student who may need additional tangible supports in reaching their academic goals, and don't want to leave the cultural/family setting.

For decades Alaska Native students have been sent away from their villages to attend boarding home schools, with that came loss of language, cultural identity and important family time. Upon graduating students return home to their villages and have to make up for the precious lost time. Although this is a viable option for our children, we believe our communities are great places for students to thrive and gain an education in one of our quality schools. In order for our villages to be sustainable, continue our cultural values and learn from our elders we need our youth present to pass down those traditions.

Our Mission

The mission of the Yukon Koyukuk School District, in active partnership with its families and communities, is to provide our students with the skills and knowledge necessary to become contributing members of their families, community and society.

Our Vision

Every learner will attain excellence and learn with passion in a challenging and culturally enriched environment.

Our Goals

- *Start Strong: Every student starts strong with a solid foundation in grades Pre-K-Third*
- *Read by Third Grade: Every student reads by the end of third grade.*
- *Meet or Exceed Standards: Every student meets or exceeds standards.*
- *Graduate Ready: Every student graduates ready for college and careers.*

For more information on the YKSD Boarding Home Program or to see if you qualify please contact me at adurny@yksd.com, or at the number below.

Sincerely,

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BH Coordinator
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Yukon-Koyukuk School District
Boarding Home Program

Application Instructions and Payment Rates Effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

- 1) Eligibility:
 - A. Students who transfer within YKSD on or before the application due date **September 20, 2016**. Applications received after this date will be considered on a case by case basis.
 - B. Students who transfer into YKSD on or before the application due date, and submit a registration packet.

- 2) Boarding home placement: The district will assist as much as possible in helping the family secure a host family.
 - A. Students ages 16 and under must be in relative placement. Living with biological or adoptive parents does not qualify. If they will be staying with non relative please see item 3 Licensing of Boarding Homes.
 - B. The approved relative boarding home provider receiving a student is responsible for communicating with the parent and teachers regarding child and providing (but not limited to) the following:
 - 1.) Safe comfortable housing, hygiene, healthy meals and out-of-school supervision, etc.
 - 2.) Daily access to a school, ensuring school/home work is submitted and has proper attendance.
 - 3.) It is the parent's responsibility to assist family guardian in obtaining Power of Attorney for any additional needs of the student's medical or personal needs.
 - 4.) Enforcing by the village/school rules and laws.
 - C. Boarding home parents must understand teenagers, have flexibly, have an appreciation of cultural differences and have good relationships within their own family.
 - D. Willingness to accept the student and to help him to be a part of the family.

- 3) Licensing of Boarding Homes: State law requires that homes providing care for unrelated children less than 16 years of age must be licensed by the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS). The school district receiving and placing students is responsible for assuring that any student under age 16 is placed in a licensed home. (7 AAC 50.005 – 7AAC 50.640)

- 4) Payment Rates: The stipend is intended to assist the host family with the monthly costs associated with housing your student. The boarding home stipend will be mailed to the name and address provided on page 7 of the application on the 1st Monday of the following month boarding services are provided.
 - A. Payment rate is \$600 per month. The days a student arrives/departs the boarding home are reimbursable. The daily rate is 1/30th of the monthly rate.
 - B. An additional student stipend of \$100 per month will be included in the monthly boarding home stipend; the \$100 it is to be given to the student boarding, by the boarding parent. (Such costs for students who may be legal wards of the State are normally provided by the Department of Health and Social Services.)

- 5) Removal of Stipend: If for any reason a student chooses to leave the boarding home, or is sent home as a result of breaking rules, the parent/guardian is responsible for paying the airfare for the trip home and the stipend will end on the day the student exits the boarding home.

- 6) Health Care: Routine health care costs are a parental responsibility.

- 7) Submission of Application: Application must be filled out by both parties prior to submission. It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure proper signatures. Lack of required signatures will delay application.
 - A. Boarding applications and registration packet for students entering the school district must be received to Yukon-Koyukuk School District by the date due. Applications received after these dates may be rejected.

- 8) Travel: Reimbursement for one travel ticket to and from (limited to instate travel from Fairbanks OR within YKSD) the home of residence and the community in which the student attends per school year. Parent is responsible for making the reservations and submitting receipts to YKSD. Reimbursement will be for the regular cost of ticket, excess not authorized. Additional travel costs will not be considered. YKSD does not pay for the cost of travel during Christmas or Spring Break, parents are responsible for any other travel costs.

- 9) Approval: Submission of application does not approval.

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2016/17 BOARDING HOME APPLICATION

1. THIS APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE OF ALASKA'S GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE BOARDING HOME PROGRAM (AS 14.07.030(2); 4 AAC 09.050)
2. APPLICATIONS: MUST BE FILLED OUT BY BOTH PARTIES. LACK OF REQUIRED SIGNATURES WILL DELAY STIPEND REQUESTS.

Date of Application: _____

STUDENT FAMILY INFORMATION

Father/Guardian: _____

Mother/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

State/Zip: _____

State/Zip: _____

Home #: _____ Work #: _____

Home #: _____ Work #: _____

Emergency # / Names: _____

Emergency # / Names: _____

Email address: _____

Email address: _____

Migrant Funding: School Grant Information

Has anyone in your household moved in the last three years to pursue work in (Check all that apply):

- Fishing Fish processing Berry picking Farming Logging

STUDENT INFORMATION: to be filled out by parent/guardian

Student ID (Official Use Only): _____

Legal Name _____

(Last, First, MI)

Date of Birth (DOB): _____ Gender: Male ___ Female ___ Grade: _____

Name of school & district you wish to enroll student at: _____

Date of entry into new school? _____ Date of entry into boarding home? _____

Is the student currently enrolled to Yukon Koyukuk School District? Yes ___ No ___

Where is the students home community _____

Parent Statement

Reason for Boarding Home Request, please explain:

Will the student be boarding with relatives? Please explain. If not a relative please refer to Section 3: Licensing of Boarding Homes and indicate the steps you will take in attaining license.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Relation to Student

Date

Student Statement

Why do you choose to board in selected location? Please explain

Please finish the following statement: I know I am willing to abide by the rules of my boarding home parent because....

Please state your goals for attending school and achieving academic success at chosen location. Are you on track to graduate?

Signature of Boarding Home Student Printed Name Date

To Be Filled Out by Student & Parent/Guardian

BOARDING HOME STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES. As a participant of the Yukon Koyukuk School District Boarding Home Program, I agree to the following. **Student** and **Parent** sign your initials at the beginning of each statement indicating you have read and understand.

1. ____ I will obey the instructions of my supervising boarding home parent(s). I will treat the boarding home parent(s), school principal, and school staff with respect. I will obey boarding home parents and school rules of conduct. Consequences of poor attitude or behavior could result in loss of extracurricular activities or other restrictions.
2. ____ I am to notify the boarding home parent(s) of my whereabouts at all times. I will abide by village curfew and be home at time set by boarding home parent(s). I will not leave the boarding home community unless I have the permission of my boarding home parent(s) and/or biological parent(s). I accept responsibility for my own actions and will act in a mature manner at all times.
3. ____ I will attend school on time and in a consistent basis. Only sickness or emergency family matters will be accepted excused absences.
4. ____ I will keep up with all my schoolwork and turn in assignments, homework, reports, etc. on time. Assignments turned in late could result in additional time at school or adjustment in a lower grade for class.
5. ____ I agree to adhere to the illegal substances policies of the Yukon Koyukuk School District and understand tobacco products, alcohol or illegal substances by students are not tolerated.
6. ____ In the event there are concerns or problems either between the boarding home parent and student; and/or between the student and school; and/or boarding home parent and biological parent, the district program coordinator should be contacted.
7. ____ Clothing, personal care costs and allowances are a parental responsibility.
8. ____ I understand I will receive \$100 from boarding home parent paid by the district. It can be given all at once, or throughout the month. At the providers discretion.

I have read the above paragraphs regarding my responsibility, as a boarding home student, have initialed each statement, and will abide by these statements; not following these expectations may be grounds for dismissal from the boarding home program and removal of or reimbursement of stipend.

Signature of Boarding Home Student

Printed Name

Date

To Be Filled Out by Boarding Home Parent

Primary Responsible Adult: _____

Secondary Responsible Adult: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Relation to student: _____ Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

BOARDING HOME PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES: Please sign your initials at the beginning of each statement indicating you have read and understand each.

1. ____ Boarding home parent(s) acts on behalf of student with respect to educationally related matters involving but not limited to signing permission slips for school activities, school related disciplinary matters, release forms and student activities, and health care services including all treatment and prescriptions recommended by qualified medical staff, village health aide, hospital or physician.
2. ____ Boarding home parent(s) will be responsible for student to attend school on time and on a regular basis, attend parent-teacher conferences; check to make sure student's homework is completed on time.
3. ____ Provide a safe environment for the student to live. Student should have their own room when possible and a quiet place to study without distractions. Student will be treated with respect and not asked to do any more (chores etc.) than is expected of any other family member. Provide healthy and nutritional meals on a regular basis.
4. ____ Enforce any local curfews or specific instructions given to you by the biological parent(s).
5. ____ There should be no illegal chemicals, drugs, alcohol, verbal abuse or sexual harassment in the home.
6. ____ In the event there are concerns or problems either between the boarding home parent and student; and/or between the student and school; and/or boarding home parent and biological parent, the principal or district program coordinator should be contacted.
7. ____ Boarding home parent(s) will receive approximately \$600/\$20(per day) stipend per month. Monthly stipends are for costs associated with food and housing home student. General spending money or monthly allowance and personal care costs are the responsibility of the biological parent.
8. ____ I understand I will receive an additional \$100 included in the monthly stipend to be given to the boarding student as spending allowance. It can be given all at once, or weekly.

I have read the above paragraphs regarding my responsibility as boarding home parent(s), have initialed each statement, and will abide by these statements. Not following these expectations may be grounds for dismissal from the boarding home program and removal of stipend.

Signature of Boarding Home Parent(s)

Date

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT REQUEST FOR BOARDING STUDENT PLACEMENT BETWEEN:

- 1. Yukon Koyukuk School District shall pay the boarding reimbursement cost for the students listed on the Application.
- 2. This memorandum is effective when signed by YKSD, and the Boarding Home Provider.
- 3. Submission of this application does not guarantee approval.
- 4. Failure to abide by the terms in this agreement may lead to removal at guardian’s expense and loss of monthly stipend at the discretion of the District.

Date

_____ Legal Guardian of Student

_____ Printed Name

Date

_____ Boarding Home Provider

_____ Printed Name

FY17 YKSD Boarding Home Application

I _____ understand that the YKSD Boarding Home Reimbursement Cost Program is a voluntary program. If for any reason a student chooses to leave, or is sent home as a result of breaking rules or non-compliance with the boarding home or school, the parent/guardian is responsible for paying the airfare for the trip home.

I understand the local Board of Education or ASAA does not carry field trips, sports or activity insurance and will not assume responsibility for injuries sustained in this school activity or field trip. I/We also understand that accident insurance coverage is my responsibility.

Insurance Coverage: Native Services Military
 Great-West Life Family
 Other? _____
 None: I/We will assume financial responsibility for injuries.

Emergency Contact Name & Phone
Number: _____

I give permission to the boarding home parent(s) _____ to act on my behalf with respect to educationally related matters involving but not limited to signing permission slips for school activities, school related disciplinary matters, release forms and student activities, and health care services including all treatment and prescriptions recommended by qualified medical staff, village health aide, hospital or physician. It is the responsibility of the biological parent(s) for any and all health costs.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I/we (parent/guardian) agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Yukon Koyukuk School District, its elected and appointed officials, employees, and volunteers against any and all liabilities, claims, demands, lawsuits, or losses, including costs and attorney fees incurred in defense thereof, arising out of or in any way connected or associated with the Boarding Home Program.

Signature of Parent/Guardian Relation to Student Date

CERTIFICATION OF INFORMATION SUBMITTED ON BOARDING HOME REPORTS
By signing below, I certify that the students listed on the district's Boarding Home Program reports meet the current eligibility requirements.

Signature of Certifying Official: _____