



WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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TO Board of Education
FROM Julie Odom, Assistant Director of Athletics and Activities
DATE August 20, 2026
SUBJECT After School Programming

This memo is:

- ☒ Information only.
- ☐ Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board consent.
- ☐ Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board approval by vote.

Date by which a Board decision is needed: June 18, 2026

Previous memos on this topic can be found:

- ☒ in previous Board packet(s) dated: August 2025
- ☐ or attached to this memo

Basic Information/Overview

During the 2026–2027 school year, District 33 will offer a variety of after-school programming opportunities for students in grades 1–8.

For elementary students (grades 1–5), the District will partner with Impact Kids to provide a comprehensive enrichment program featuring academic, athletic, and interest-based activities. Program offerings will include coding, robotics, athletics, curiosity club (science experiments), arts and crafts, and other enrichment opportunities. Students will receive a snack immediately after school, then participate in their selected activity until 4:45 p.m. Programming will be offered Monday through Thursday on a trimester schedule.

Impact Kids will be responsible for hiring and compensating instructors, with support from the District's Assistant Director of Athletics and Activities. Qualified District 33 staff members will receive priority consideration for instructor positions and will be compensated at the District's established club rate. When necessary, Impact Kids will provide additional instructors to ensure all program offerings are staffed. Parents will register students directly through Impact Kids. Transportation will be provided through activity buses for all bus-eligible students. Classes will generally be organized by grade (Grades 1–2 and Grades 3–5).

	In addition to the Impact Kids program, the District will continue its partnership with CAPE at Currier Elementary School, offering programming from 3:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Partnerships with Puente del Pueblo will also continue at Indian Knoll Elementary School and Wegner, which will take place from 3:40 - 6:00 PM Monday - Friday. Puente del Pueblo also offers off-site programming at Timberlake Apartments for Lemay Middle School students until 6:00 PM. At Lemay Middle School (grades 6–8), the After School Academic Program (ASAP) will continue to serve eligible students based on academic placement criteria and student grades. The program will continue to be administered by the Lemay Middle School administrative team. District 33 is seeking grant opportunities to expand afterschool offerings at the elementary school level. The District submitted a 21st Century Community Learning Grant application in August 2026 and, if awarded, will expand offerings to 6:00 PM, Monday - Friday, at every elementary school.
Strategic Plan Goal Alignment	After-school clubs and athletics directly support the District's Strategic Plan by extending learning beyond the school day and providing equitable access to academic, athletic, and interest-based opportunities. These programs promote student engagement through hands-on experiences, leadership, collaboration, and student choice while fostering meaningful relationships with peers and trusted adults. They also strengthen family and community partnerships through collaboration, while ensuring district resources are used strategically to provide consistent, high-quality programming for all students.
Background or historical information	District 33's after-school programming is organized under the Beyond the Bell umbrella, which includes athletics, clubs, extended learning opportunities, and community partnerships with organizations such as CAPE, Puente del Pueblo, Healthy West Chicago, and Impact Kids. Beyond the Bell is designed to provide students with consistent, engaging, and enriching learning opportunities beyond the school day while addressing operational and staffing needs across the district. The implementation of Impact Kids at all elementary schools during the 2025–2026 school year strengthened the District's after-school programming by creating a more consistent student experience, expanding enrichment opportunities, and supporting the goals outlined in the District 33 Strategic Plan.

Previous decisions, actions or parameters that relate to this topic or issue	
Recommendation	
Other Questions	