

Regular Board Meeting – February 21, 2012

**SUBJECT: 2012-2013 STUDENT FEES**

It is recommended by the Administration that the Board of Education adjust student fees for the 2012-2013 school year as follows:

	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13</u>
Books and materials <sup>(a)</sup>	\$115	\$120
Jr. High Yearbook – optional	\$ 15	\$ 16
Bus Service – optional <sup>(b)</sup>	\$235	\$240

<sup>(a)</sup> These fees may be reduced or waived for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch under the Child Nutrition Act. For the 2012-13 school year, additional documentation will be required in order to qualify for reduced or waived fees.

<sup>(b)</sup> Bus service is free for students who reside over 1½ miles from school or live in a designated hazard zone. Bus fees may be reduced for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch under the Child Nutrition Act as follows:

	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13</u>
Reduced Students	\$117.50	\$120
Free Students	\$ 0	\$ 25

**Background Information**

Fee increases are recommended based on increasing costs. As an incentive for prompt payment of fees, a \$20 credit will be applied to the student's lunch account if fees are paid in full by July 27, 2012.

In the past, bus fees have been waived for those students qualifying for free lunch under the Child Nutrition Act. A small processing fee is proposed for those students who wish to ride the bus.

## 2011-2012 Niles Township School Fees

Fee	Range	Average	Current District 68	Proposed District 68
Required Student Fees (Book, technology, etc.)	\$80.00 - \$158.00	\$127.75	\$115.00	\$120.00
Bus Fees *	\$0.00 - \$300.00	\$239.00	\$235.00	\$240.00
Yearbook	\$15.00 - \$32.00	\$22.50	\$15.00	\$16.00
Graduation	\$16.75 - \$100.00	\$49.31	\$16.75	\$16.75
After School Activities	\$0.00 - \$100.00	\$51.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

\* Several township districts currently provide free busing for all students

## 2011-2012 District 68 Transportation Facts

Total Enrollment	1,745
Number of Students Transported	1,127
-Free Zone (over 1.5 miles or hazardous zone)	342
-Pay Zone	748
-Special Ed Students	37
Total Bus fees paid for 2011-12	<b>\$58,786</b>
Students with waived or reduced fees	Number of Students
-Free Zone	342
-Free Lunch Eligible	450
-Reduced Lunch Eligible	52
-Special Ed Bus	37
Totals	<b>881</b>
	<b>Total Fees Waived</b>
-Free Zone	\$80,370
-Free Lunch Eligible	\$105,750
-Reduced Lunch Eligible	\$6,110
-Special Ed Bus	\$8,695
	<b>\$200,925</b>