



## **PARENT-RUN USER-PAY LUNCH SUPERVISION PROGRAMS**

The care and supervision of a child during the midday break is a fundamental parental responsibility. The division recognizes that fulfilling this responsibility is best achieved through collaborative partnerships between parents and the division.

The River East Transcona School Division supports the establishment and operation of non-profit, user-pay, supervised lunch programs within schools by organizing committees of parents. These programs facilitate and assist parents in securing a supervised environment for their child(ren) during the midday break.

It is expected that the organizing committee will work in conjunction with the school administration. The purpose of the relationship with the school administration is to ensure that the operation of the program does not conflict with the operation and policies of the school and the division as a whole.

Each organizing committee shall develop policies, practices and procedures based on the divisionally provided information as outlined in JLIA-R.

The school division shall provide funds to the program to supervise students that the division is obligated to transport. The amount that will be paid will be the same amount that is charged to all other students who avail themselves of the program in that school.

The exclusive mandate of the program is to provide care and supervision of children during the midday break. The program cannot be used as a means to raise funds for the program itself, the school or for any parent council, advisory group or committee at the school. Furthermore, organizing committees shall establish budgets in such a manner so as to ensure all planned expenditures are accounted for, and that longer term budget planning does not result in an accumulated surplus.

Schools without user-pay lunch supervision programs may continue to operate with a volunteer supervision structure. In this case, the school division will provide funding based on the number of students it is obligated to transport. The funds can be used for operating expenses rather than supervisory salaries.

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