FAQ on PS 75 Afterschool Program

When will the Afterschool Program reopen?
The Afterschool Program closed in March as part of the NYC-wide shutdown due to the coronavirus pandemic. The program remains closed, pending guidance from the DOE, the DOH, and the PS 75 administration about when afterschool programs will be allowed to operate in schools.

This means that we have no official start dates yet for the following services that the program provided:
- Age-based afterschool child care
- Afterschool enrichment programs
- Early Bird Reading and Early Bird Chess
- 1:1 tutoring with PS 75 staff

Once we receive official guidance, reopening depends on a few key steps:
- Hiring a new Director
- (Re)hiring staff members
- Complying with the latest Department of Health (DOH) guidelines for in-school programs.
- Restarting services with local organizations that provided enrichment services.

At this point, families should not expect afterschool services to be available any earlier than November.

What is the summary on the Director role for the PS 75 Afterschool program?
The Director role for the program has been a full-time salaried role, which Charlotta has held since 2010. In order to minimize program expenses during the ongoing shutdown due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Afterschool Committee decided it was necessary to convert the Director role into a part-time position effective on September 17th.

One day each week, Charlotta will work to keep up to date on Afterschool communications from families, staff, and outside organizations. This reduced schedule will result in delays in communications related to Afterschool, but is a necessary step in order to ensure the ongoing financial viability of the program.

Is Charlotta leaving the Afterschool Program?
Eventually, yes. Charlotta’s last official day as full-time Director of the PS 75 Afterschool Program will be September 17, 2020. After that date, the Director role is being converted into a one-day-per-week part-time role. Charlotta will continue to serve as Director until a new Director has been hired and brought up to speed.

What is the plan for hiring a replacement Director?
Once there is more clarity about when the Afterschool program can resume services, the Afterschool Committee will kick off the hiring process for a full-time Director to succeed Charlotta. Charlotta has agreed to assist with the transition to ensure the program maintains its high standards.

The PS 75 Afterschool Committee developed a job description that will be posted online and made available within the PS 75 community for referrals as soon as there is clarity - first, from the DOE, and second, from the PS 75 administration - on a restart date for afterschool services.

A very high-level summary of aftercare roles and responsibilities is provided below.
The Afterschool Committee will work closely with the PS 75 administration, families, and staff as part of the hiring process.

How can families provide input into the search for a new Director?
Please direct any questions or comments to Kyle Clayton, the VP of Afterschool on the PTA executive board. He can be reached by email at kyleclayton10027@gmail.com or text/phone at 646.279.6940.

What about other PS 75 Afterschool Program staff?
After the program closed in mid-March, staff were notified that their working hours would be cut back and nearly all employees were furloughed by mid-April. The PS 75 Afterschool Program assisted all impacted staff with documentation needed to file unemployment claims with New York.

When the program is able to re-open, prior staffers will be contacted about their availability to resume work for the program.

In the interim, the PTA will be circulating contact information from staffers who may be interested in providing childcare on a freelance basis, along with information from similarly interested Enrichment vendors. This information is provided as a resource to families, but is not meant as an endorsement or a service provided by the PTA, PS 75, or the Afterschool Program and Committee.

How do I contact the Afterschool Committee?
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