

Out of School Time Programs
Housed within Cambridge Public School Facilities

Draft for Review

June 2003

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Amigos												
Marla Perez-Selles, Principal	ARTES Porlas Tardes	Clarissa Guzman	349-4082	X			SCP CPS	K-5	M, W, Th, 2-4	Activity Rm.		
	MCAS Prep	Indelisa Carrillo	349-4082	Title I			Title I	Gr. 4	Twice/wk 2-4	Rm. 211		22
	Amistad	Corrine Varron	349-6468			X	Bilingual Grant	Gr. 6-8	2-4:00	Rm. 310		27

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Baldwin Eirich, Principal	Mary After school Math help	Phil Harrington	617-349-6525 x315	X			SIP	7th & 8th Grades	Tues. & Thurs. 3:00-4:00 p.m.	Rm 315	Approx. 5-10	Varies daily-drop in center for extra help
	Elementary Homework Center	Wendi Malone	617-349-6525 x 301			X	Learning Center	Grades 3-6	Tues. & Thurs. 3:00-4:00 p.m.	Classrooms	25-35	
	S.A.B.E.S.	John Roderick	617-349-6525			X	Learning Center	K-8	Tues. & Thurs. 3:00-4:00 p.m.	Classrooms	60-75	
	Girls Group	Melissa Power	617-349-6525			X	Learning Center	Grades 7 & 8	Tues. & Thurs. 3:00-4:00 p.m.	Rms 312-315	Approx. 5-10	
	Lindy Hop Dance	Matthew Miller	617-349-6525	X			SIP	Grades 7 & 8	Tues. & Thurs. 3:00-4:00 p.m.	Music Room	6	
	Drama	Jacy Ippilito	617-349-6525	X			SIP	Grades 7 & 8	Tues. & Thurs. 3:00-4:00 p.m.		Approx. 10-15	
Baldwin	Community School	Terry Delancey	349-6287	n/a	yes	n/a	DHSP	Children	Monday - Friday 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Cafeteria	Variable	225 individual children enrolled in classes
								Adults	some evenings 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Gym		
										Library		
										Computer Room		
										Art Room		
										Music		
										Ensemble Room		
										Activity Room		
										Comm Room		

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Cambridgeport Stuart, Principal	Before School Intramural	Jim Edgehill	617-349-6587	X			CPS	All Grades	4 x wk.	Gym	60	40
	Math Challenge Groups	Lynn Stuart	617-349-6521			X	Cambridge School Volunteers	Grades 5/6	1 x wk.	Art Room		
	Cambridgeport Afterschool Program Inc. (CAPI)	Christine Tierney	617-497-0063			X	Independent Non-Profit Christine Tierney	Grades K-5	5 x wk	2 rooms in basement	60	
	Homework Club & Computer Club	Volunteers				X	Cambridge School Volunteers	Grades 3-8	2 x wk	Library & Computer Room	50	
	Individual Teacher Homework Assistance		617-349-6587	X			CPS	Grades 1-8	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Various Classrooms	50	
	"Odyssey of the Mind"	Volunteers/Holly Hatch				X	Volunteers	Grades 3-8	1 x wk.	Various Classrooms		
	Athletic Programs			X			School/District	Grades 3-8				
	Cambridge School Volunteers Harvard Hand	Volunteers				X	School/Volunteer Agencies	Grades K-8	Hours vary	Various Classrooms		
	Open Library Time			X			CPS	Grades K-8 & families	3:00-4:00 p.m.	Various Classrooms		
	Science Club for Girls					X	Friends of Cambridgeport	Grades 1/2 & 3/4	Tuesdays	8 Classrooms		
	Chorus & Small Group Music time before school	H. Indigo				X			2 x wk	Music Room		

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Fletcher/Maynard Academy Robin Harris, Principal	Extended Day Program	Uche Amechi	617-349-6588	X			CPS	Grades K-8	2:00-5:30 p.m.	Various Classrooms	85	85
	Sisters Program	Tanya Banks	617-349-6588			X	Grant	Grades 5-8	2:00-5:30 p.m.	Various Classrooms	20	20
	Community Schools Program	A. Grecco	617-349-6245		X		DHS					
Fletcher/Maynard	Fletcher/Maynard SACC	Crystal Nicolosi	349-6296		DHSP	K-4th grade	2-6 p.m.	Lower Comm. Rm	24	same		
Fletcher/Maynard	Jamnastics	Anara Frank	354-5780		Mixed funding streams	Citywide	2pm-6pm	Gym	30	30		
Fletcher/Maynard	Sisters	Tonya Banks	349-6602		Mixed funding streams	Citywide	2pm-6pm	class-room	20	20		
Fletcher Maynard	Community School	Annamarie Greco	349-6295	n/a	yes	n/a	DHSP	Children	Monday - Friday - 6:00 p.m. with some evenings	Cafeteria	Variable	92 individual children enrolled in classes
								Families	Varies	Gym		18 individual children enrolled in Early Release & Vacation programs
										Art Room		
										Music Room		
										Hallway by Gym		
										Room 019		

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Graham & Parks Emily Ostrower	After School Tutorial Program	Emily Ostrower	349-6612	X			CPS	Gr. 5-6				
	Haitian Homework Learning Center	Sylvio Hyppolite	349-6612	X			CPS	Gr. 5-6				
	Math Help	Steve Barkin	349-6612			X	Volunteers his own time	Gr. 7-8				
	SACC	Ivy Glass	349-6299		X		DHSP	K-4	2-6 p.m.	Music Rm.	24	24
	SACC 3-6	Gretchen	349-6299		X		DHSP	K-4	2-6 p.m.	Art Room	24	24
Graham & Parks	Community School	Pam Curtis	349-6298	n/a	yes	n/a	DHSP	Children	Monday - Friday 2:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Cafeteria	Variable	111 individual children enrolled in classes
								Adults	Wednesday 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.	Gym		35 individual children enrolled in Early Release & Vacation programs
								Families	Varies	Library, Computer Lab, Woodworking rm. Ceramics rm. Art rm. Music		

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Haggerty Joe Petner, Principal	Learning Center	A. M. Mahoney	349-6555	X			CPS/School Volunteers	Gr. 3-5	W & Th. 2:00-3:30	Computer lab	15-20	19
	Youth/teen Center	Sarah Link	349-6314		X		DHSP	Gr. 3-12	M-Fr. 2:00-9:30	Basement Level		
	Community School	Amanda Hockman	349-6264		X		DHSP Community Schools	Entering K-6	M-Fr. 7:30 am.-5:30pm.	Basement & 1st. Floor	56	29
	Community School	Amanda Hockman	349-6264		X		DHSP Community Schools	Families	varies	Gym	26	26
	Community School	Amanda Hockman	349-6264		X		DHSP Community Schools	Seniors	Mondays 11:00 a.m.-1:00p.m.	Rooms: Art, music, library, computer lab, resource, L04, L01, 109, Teachers		
	Preschool	Lucy Stooch	349-6265		X		DHSP	2-9-5 yrs. Old	8:30-12:00	Rm. 109	17	17
	Youth Center	Deborah Foderingham	349-44489		X		DHSP	9-13 yrs. old	2-6 p.m.	Basement, library	28	28
		Deborah Foderingham	349-44489		X		DHSP	14-19 yrs. Old	6-9 M-TH	Gym, music rm;	22	22
		Deborah Foderingham	349-44489		X		DHSP	14-19 cont.	6-10 Friday	Cafeteria		

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Harrington Barbara Boyle Principal	Learning Center	Marge Lee	349-6540	X			CPS C. Turk	Gr. 4-8	2:00-4:00	Rm. 208, 211	30	22
	Squash Busters	Greg Zeff	442-8838			X	Private	Gr. 6-8	Late afternoons /weekends			
	Intramural	D. Fusco	349-6540	X			CPS Phys. Ed. Dept.	Gr. 6-8	Varies/ After school			
	Community School	C. Rebelo	349-6305		X		DHSP Community Schools	K-8	Mon - Fri 2:00 - 6:00	Cafeteria	Variable	82 children enrolled in classes
								Adults	Mon -Thurs 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Gym		76 children enrolled in Early Release & Vacation prog
								Seniors	Wednesday 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Art Room/ Conference Room		
								Families	Varies	Room, stage / 101, 102, 103, 105, 112		
	Extended Day	R. Tony Nunes	349-6078 349-4469	X	X		CPS/DHS	K-5	Mon-Fri 2:00-6:00	K3, 101, 103, 114, 218, 213	160	98
	MCAS prep	M. Lapsely M. Gurry	349-6540	X			Title 1	Gr. 3-8	2-3:30	214, 221	50	50
	NCLB Supp. Services	M. Grassi B. Travers	349-6540	X			Title 1	Gr. 3-8	2-4:15	201, 202, 203, 205, 209, 212, 216, 221	62	
	AMISTAD	S. DaSilva	349-6540	X			Bilingual	Gr. 6-8	103, 217			

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Kennedy Wesley Manaday, Principal	Extended Day Program	Diane Hassett	349-6841	X			CPS	Grades K-4	2:00-4:00 p.m.		35	35
	Community Schools Program	Sharon Kenney	349-6308		X		Families pay small fee		4:00-6:00 p.m.			
	MCAS Prep Classes	Donna English	349-6841	X			CPS/Title 1	Grades 6	4 x wk.			17
	MCAS Prep Classes	Diane Callahan	349-6841	X			CPS/Title 1	Grade 5	2x wk 2 - 3:30			20
	MCAS Prep Classes	Chris Valentine	349-6841	x			CPS/Title 1	Grades 3 & 4	2xwk		10	21
	MCAS Prep Classes	Lorraine Rusinak	349-6841	x			SIP	Grades 7 & 8	2:00 - 3:30		10	
	MCAS Prep Classes	Donna English	349-6841	x			SIP	Grade 6	2:00 - 3:30		12	
	Learning Center	Mary E. Daly	349-6841	x			SIP	Grade 6			10	
	Learning Center	Kathleen Travers	349-6841	x			SIP	Grade 7/8	2:00 - 3:30		10	
	Learning Center	Jenny Russo	349-6841	x			SIP	Grade 7/8			10	
	Learning Center	Margaret Eickstedt	349-6841	x			SIP	Grade 8	2:00 - 3:30		10	
Kennedy	East Cambridge Preschool	Susan Kelley	349-4484		DHSP	2.9-5yrs old	7:30-5:30	Rm 110	16	same		
Kennedy	Community School	Sharon Kenney	349-6308	n/a	yes	n/a	DHSP	K-8	Monday - Friday 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Cafeteria	Variable	64 children enrolled in classes
								Adults	Tuesday - Thursday 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Gym		47 children enrolled in Early Release & Vacation programs
								Seniors	Monday 10:00 - 1:00	Activity Room		
Kennedy								Families	Varies	Health Room, Auditorium, Library, Kd. Rm. Computer Lab, Dream Team		

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M. L. King School Joseph McKeigue, Principal	Learning center	Joseph McKeigue	617-349-6562	X			Title 1/General Funds	Grades 3-8	3 x wk 3:00-4:15 p.m.		20-30	
	King School Community Program	Carol Hill	617-349-6269		X		DHS	Grades 3-6	5 x wk			
	King After School Care Program	Joan Hudson K-2 Theresa Chase 3-6	617-349-6271		X		DHS	K-6	5 x wk			
	King/King Open Girls Program	Mary Memmott	508-788-1826			X	Private Grants	Grades 3-8	1 x wk			
	Jamnastics	A. Frank	617-354-5780			X	Self-Supporting King/King Open					
King	Community School	Carol Hill	349-6269	n/a	yes	n/a	DHSP	Children	Monday - Friday 2:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Cafeteria	Variable	138 individual children enrolled in classes
								Adulrs	Tuesday & Thursday 6:00 - 9:00	Upper Gym		
								Families	Varies	Lower Gym-library	Auditorium-tchrs rm	science rm/ G11/ G12
King	King Preschool	Faith Morgan	349-6270		DHSP	2.9-5 yrs old	7:30-5:30		32	same		
	King K-2 SACC	Joan Hudson	349-6271		DHSP	K-2nd grade	2-6 p.m.	Rm 116	24	same		
	King 2-5 SACC	Liz Guzman	349-6271		DHSP	2-5th grade	2-6 p.m.	Rm 117	24	same		
King School	Jamnastics	Anara Frank	354-5780		Mixed funding streams	Citywide	2pm-6pm	Auditoruim/Cafeteria/Hallways	25-Jan	25		

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King Open School Timothy Groves, Principal	Girls Science Club	M. Memmott	508-788-1826	X			King/King Open/Friends of King Open/Grant					
	King Community School	C. Hill	617-349-6269		X		City of Cambridge					
	King After School Care Program	Joan Hudson K-2 Theresa Chase 3-6	617-349-6271		X		DHS	K-6	5 x wk			

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Longfellow School Margarita Alvarez, Principal	Reading Program	Fran Bonacci	617-349-6875	X			Title 1	Grades 3-5	Tues. & Wed. 2:30-3:40 p.m.		26	
	After School Learning Center	Suzanne Raskin	617-349-6875			X	School Volunteers	Grades 5-8	2:30-4:00 p.m.	Literacy Room	20	
	MCAS Support	Kenneth Neal	617-349-6875	X			School Imprvmt	Grades 3-4	2:30-4:00 p.m.	Classrooms	20	
	Before School Walking Club	Maryann Cappello	617-349-6875	X			Phys. Ed.	All Grades	7:00-8:10 a.m.	Gym	100	
	Activities Program	Maryann Cappello	617-349-6875	X			Phys. Ed.	All Grades	7:00-8:10 a.m.	Gym	50	
Longfellow	Community School	Penelope Kleespies	349-6260	n/a	yes	n/a	DHSP	Children	Mon, Tues, Wed 2:30 - 7:00 Thurs 1:00 - 7:00 Fri 2:30 - 6:00	Cafeteria	Variable	74 individual children enrolled in classes
								Adults	Varies	Gym		15 individual children enrolled in Early Release & Vacation programs
								Families	Varies	Hallway by Kindergarten	Hallway by Cafeteria	Room 014
Longfellow	Longfellow Preschool	Laura Stone	349-6261		DHSP	2.9-5 yrs old	8 a.m.-6 p.m.		16	same		

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Morse	Learning Center		349-6575					Gr. 4-5	2:30-4			
	Intramurals	Theresa O'Connor	349-6575	X		X	CPS	Gr. 3-5	2:30-5	Gym		
	Basketball	Theresa O'Connor	349-6575	X			CPS	Gr. 6-8	2:30-5	Gym		
	Freelance Performers Drama	Peggy Waldron	232-1175						Fridays 3:30-5:30	Auditorium		
	MIT Science Club	Karen Spaulding		X								
	School Age Childcare	Kathleen Claycomb	349-6039		X			K-4	2:25-6		24	
	City Sprout	Jane Smiley						K-8	Varies			
	Extended Library	Liz Dellapedora	349-6575	X				K-8	2:30-4	Library		
Morse	Community School	Carol Copeland	349-6291	n/a	yes	n/a	DHSP	Children	Monday - Friday 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Cafeteria	Variable	83 individual children enrolled in classes
								Families	Thursdays 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Gym		28 individual children enrolled in Early Release & Vacation programs
										Auditorium		
										Music		
										Ensemble Room		
										Teacher's Room		
										School Improvement Office/E2		
Morse	Morse SACC	Kathleen Claycomb	349-6039		DHSP	K-4th grade	2-6 p.m.	Rm 215	24	same		
	Morse Preschool	Cynthia Itoka	349-4485		DHSP	2.9-5yrs old	8a.m.-6 p.m.	Rm D-6	16	same		

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Peabody School Ellen Varella, Principal	Learning Center	T. Vecchierello	617-349-6577			X	School Imp Funds	Grades 5/6	3:00-5:00 p.m.			
	Learning Center	M. Mosman	617-349-6577			X	Cambridge	Grades 7/8	3:00-5:00 p.m.			
Peabody School	Peabody Afterschool	Angel Cacciola	547-1116			Citywide	Parent Coop		2pm-6pm	Art Room	39	39
Peabody	Community School	Mary Ellen Breen	349-6267	n/a	yes	n/a	DHSP	Children	Monday - Thursday 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Friday 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Cafeteria	Variable	167 individual children enrolled in classes
								Adults	Monday - Thursday 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.	Gym		34 individual children enrolled in Early Release & Vacation programs
								Families	Varies	Auditorium		
										Art Room		
										Music Room		
										Library		
										Room 4		
										Room 9		
										Room 10		
										Room 17		

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Tobin Donald Watson, Principal	Tobin After School	Kristen Stevens	354-8714			X	Private, non-profit, Parent Coop.	k-8	2-6p.m.	3 classrooms in basement 1 second floor*	80	80
	After Tutorial Help	P. Jones D. Watson	349-6600	X			CPS	K-8	2-3:30	classrooms		varies
	Harmony	J. McLaughlin	349-6786	X			CPS Music Dept.	5,6,7,8	2-4:00	1 classroom		5
	Community School	L. Lewis	349-6300		X		DHSP Community Schools	K-6	M-F 1:45-6:00 p.m.	Gym, computer lab, cafeteria	variable	94
	Intramural	P. Jones D. Watson	349-6600	X			CPS	Gr. 5-8	2-3:30	Gym		varies with sports 30-70
	7th grade Writing	D. Watson	349-6600	X			CPS	7th	2:03:30	classrooms		30
	Girls Club	M Rizzito	349-6600	X			CPS	Gr. 5-8	2-4:30	classroom Gym		25
	Counseling	P. Jones, D. Watson	349-6600			X	GYGC	K-8	2-3:30	classroom		varies
	Community School	L. Lewis	349-6300		X		DHSP	Adults	Th. 6-9:30 p.m.	Gym	varies	57
	Community School	L. Lewis	349-6300		X		DHSP	Families	varies	Auditorium		
	Community School	L. Lewis	349-6300		X		DHSP	Seniors	varies	Art room, computer Lab, teacher's room, 3 afterschool childcare rooms, R-290		
	Soccer	G. Hasson				X	B Trans.		F-Sat. 7-9 p.m.	Gym	25	
	Basketball	S. Magl.				X	Private		W - 7-9 p.m.	Gym	12	
	Little League	D. Queen				X	W. Camb. LL Youth Svcs.		Sat. 10-12 & 2-5	Gym	20	

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HUMAN SERVICES

In City Council June 9, 2003

COMMITTEE MEMBERS*Councillor E. Denise Simmons, Chair**Councillor Marjorie C. Decker**Councillor Anthony D. Galluccio*

The Human Services Committee held a public meeting on Wednesday, May 28, 2003, beginning at eight-o'clock and forty-two minutes a.m. in the Ackermann Room.

The purpose of this meeting was to continue discussing plans for the afterschool programs now located in school buildings that will be closed through consolidation.

Present at the meeting were Councillor E. Denise Simmons, Chair of the Committee, Councillor Brian Murphy, Robert W. Healy, City Manager, Ellen Semonoff, Deputy Director, Human Services Department (DHSP), Eileen Keegan, Director, DHSP, Paul Ryder, Recreation Director, Jackie Neil and Judy Bibbins, DHSP, James Maloney, Chief Operating Officer, School Department, Carolyn Turk, Interim Superintendent of Schools, Maryann MacDonald, Executive Director of Student Achievement and Accountability and Jo Sullivan, School Department and Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk.

Councillor Simmons opened the meeting and stated the purpose. She distributed a draft report dated June 2003 on Out of School Time Programs (OST) housed within Cambridge Public School Facilities prepared by the School Department.

Ms. Turk stated that during the last meeting one of the issues was that there are a variety of programs in the City but there is no one keeper of this information. Programs all are run by DHSP, individual schools and privately run programs. Through the Office of Student Achievement the information was compiled to list what is available. The issue of whether the programs are serving the needs is also outlined.

Councillor Simmons asked to whom do sponsors refer. Ms. Turk responded that it refers to the School Department and Human Services. She asked Ms. MacDonald to explain the report.

Ms. MacDonald stated that this is an Excel database. Capacity and enrollment data are still being compiled. She cited a correction on page five where the category of capacity is in the program hours column. The report includes programs during the week and afterschool programs in the schools. It does not include church groups; this information can be added.

Councillor Simmons questioned the information on the Baldwin School page. Ms. Semonoff responded that the rest of the page is in the Community Schools program.

Councillor Simmons asked who will keep this information. She said that she does not know how the programs do not bump and collide with each other. Ms. Keegan spoke about the permit process. Councillor Simmons asked whether Community Schools has a blanket permit. Ms. Keegan responded in the affirmative, but if there is a specific event, the permit process is tracked.

Councillor Simmons stated that it is difficult to prioritize programs in the schools when there are different ways to utilize space. There is a need for consistency. Mr. Maloney stated that priority is on a first-come, first-serve basis. He stated that the schools, then DHSP, then private groups is the priority. OST are impacting academic delivery during the days, he said. Over-scheduling of buildings is a concern for some school principals.

Ms. Turk stated that if the OST program is to be run well, the staff needs time to get the room and the programs ready. There is a change in culture where the staff is staying in the school buildings later. There also is an overlap of programs between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. in the OST at the Morse School. No art classes can be scheduled at the end of the school day, but the bump is that art classes must happen in the morning and the literacy program is affected.

Councillor Simmons stated that schools are much different places. A discussion may be that the school buildings are not the be-all and end-all – it may be that the library needs to be looked at. She asked how are the needs of families addressed when the school buildings are already tapped out. Ms. Turk responded that the culture of teaching has been changed to let the buildings be used differently. Both groups are competing for space in a two-hour block of time. Councillor Murphy asked what percentage range is serving the children. Ms. Turk responded that it varies from school to school. Ms. Semonoff stated that many children are not served within the school that they are attending. These children are being served in the neighborhood school. She stated that a survey was done of 600 families with 200 in each of the following groups: grades K-2, 3-5 and 6-8. Forty percent of families were in the program, 30% were not in the program and wishes to not have their children included in the program. Twenty-five percent wished to have their children in the program. There are 5,000 elementary school children in Cambridge, 1,400 children are served through the Community School program. Four hundred children received afterschool childcare in schools. There are fifteen private not-for-profit afterschool programs in the City that serve 20-100 children. Currently, one-half of the elementary school children are being served through the program.

Mr. Maloney stated that each school has school improvement funds for the consolidated schools. This will be used for the literacy program. The schools want four to five classrooms for afterschool programs.

Councillor Simmons asked what are the short-term and the long-term solution. The City is running out of space for afterschool programs.

Councillor Murphy outlined the situation as the scope of the program and the fiscal problem. This is an opportunity to look at who is served, how served, how cost effective are those served, what works, what does not and how can these programs be changed. Councillor Simmons stated that the priority issue is still the issue of space.

Ms. Semonoff stated that DHSP needs to be careful in this fiscal time but quality is a criteria. There are fifty programs in the city; one-half are city programs, the other half are not. If the non-city programs are eliminated, this will create a greater demand for the city to provide the programs.

Mr. Maloney informed the committee that with regard to the summer programs, six out thirteen buildings are out of commission. Thirty-eight classrooms are being taken out of service by closing the two schools. The community is in transition. Transfers to other schools were mailed out last week, he said. Thirty students from Graham Parks School have transferred to other schools.

Councillor Simmons asked whether the School Department does not know how the transfer of students will trickle to the OST. Mr. Maloney responded in the affirmative. He is hoping to get an additional afterschool program at the Morse School. Councillor Simmons stated that there is no quality art program and it is being put in a place where it cannot operate effectively.

Judy Perlman, 157 Hamilton Street, stated that families are in transition. The Community School program at the Graham Parks serves the community well, she said. She asked if the programs would be cited in the other facilities. Councillor Simmons stated that the issue is where these programs are housed and where can the city house them because the schools are utilizing their buildings themselves. There are thirty-eight less classrooms, parents are in transition and the schools are teaming with activity.

Councillor Murphy stated that the Human Services budget was referred to the City Council without recommendation and requested that the City Manager make a recommendation based on the issues discussed at the Finance Committee meeting of May 20, 2003.

Mr. Healy stated that the period of transition, thirty-eight less classrooms and the issue of need would have to be worked though and the city will get through this situation.

Councillor Simmons stated that some issues are geographical. Ms. Semonoff stated that the School Department and DHSP are working on a plan to check out where there might be space for programs. Enrollment has been delayed because of the uncertainty of the location of the programs. We are trying to locate the Longfellow pre-school. The Graham Parks School has two classes containing forty-eight children; twenty of the families live in the neighborhood, the remainder do not live in the neighborhood. Councillor Simmons asked what happens to the other class at Graham Parks. The Morse site is still being negotiated and a second site is being sought.

Councillor Murphy asked whether there will be open seats at the Graham Parks. Ms. Angela Cacciola, Director of the Peabody School stated that there are about nine open spaces that would affect Graham Parks children. Councillor Murphy asked what are their ages. Ms. Cacciola responded K-4. The Fitzgerald Afterschool will be located at the new Peabody, she said. The Fitzgerald is fully enrolled and there is a long waiting list.

Councillor Simmons stated that it is important to let the parents know where the programs will be located. She asked when will the community know this information, who will make this decision and when will the information about the space and location be made available. Ms. Turk stated that the School Department is not where it needs to be to give the final answers to these questions. Councillor Simmons cautioned Ms. Turk that the principals should not make any promises to parents as this could be problematic.

Mr. Maloney stated that there is a lead on two of the DHSP after school programs. In the School Department there are sixty teachers who have been displaced who need to be reassigned; this needs to be resolved also. This is the reason that there is no resolution to the Peabody afterschool.

Councillor Simmons commented that a decision needs to be made. She is looking to hear when a decision will be made to address the space issue to let parents and independent providers know because enrollment cannot be taken. Councillor Simmons suggested that a letter be sent to affected parties by June 18, 2003.

Ms. Semonoff stated that she hopes to be able to do DHSP re-enrollment for pre-school and school aged childcare on June 17 or 18, 2003. DHSP needs to know the location of the programs. Schools should have top priority of what programs go into the schools, maintain existing programs and then the consolidated school children, said Councillor Simmons. Ms. Semonoff stated that DHSP should know the reenrollment and class locations by June 18, 2003. However, if there is no decision on the space issue, this date will be pushed back.

Councillor Murphy asked when is the very last date to have this information. Ms. Semonoff said that Family Day is an opportunity to give parents information when they come to enroll.

Mr. Maloney informed the committee that the School Department needs eleven spaces. Councillor Simmons asked if the city needs eleven spaces to maintain the status quo. Mr. Maloney stated that the King Open afterschool at the Harrington School would be run differently. The principal wanted dedicated space for afterschool programs; three to four classes for afterschool. This fact, he said, is driving the space crunch. Ms. Turk added that some administrative offices are linked with particular schools and now the principals want the offices out of their schools because they want to use the space for something else.

Councillor Simmons stated that there may be capacity at the schools, but is there a demand in those neighborhoods for programs.

Councillor Murphy stated that he hears the challenges and issues but what additional information is needed to make this decision. Mr. Maloney cited the space needs. Parent councils are saying that there is too much going on at their neighborhood schools. There are a lot of pieces to this puzzle, he said.

Councillor Simmons asked whether the communities have been contacted. Mr. Maloney responded that the communities are in flux.

Councillor Murphy commented that a decision must be made and adapted for this school year. Anxiety will be reduced if parents can enroll their children by June 18, 2003. Councillor Simmons stated that information is always helpful. A letter should be sent to the parents from the Superintendent, the City Manager and DHSP informing them about who they can contact if they have any questions. This committee will meet on June 24, 2003 at 8:30 a.m. to discuss OST and the Community Schools programs. Ms. Semonoff stated that the enrollment on June 17 or 18, 2003 will be done in the evening.

Dennis Friedler, 24 Corporal McTernan Street stated that there is no way to make a Community School decision by June 18, 2003 because programming is not known until the Fall. This point needs to be factored into the decision, stated Councillor Simmons. Ms. Friedler also raised questions about who uses the programs and whether transportation is an issue.

Councillor Simmons and Councillor Murphy thanked all those present for their participation.

The meeting was adjourned at ten o'clock and forty-five minutes a.m.

For the Committee



Councillor E. Denise Simmons, Chair

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Committee Report #7

A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Councillor E. Denise Simmons, Chair of the Human Services Committee, for a meeting held on May 28, 2003 to continue discussing plans for the afterschool programs now located in school buildings that will be closed through consolidation.

In City Council June 9, 2003

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