Background:
This summer, District 181 proposes a 17-day summer school program for students residing in our system and private school students. Traditionally, core classes in reading and math have anchored the program. Several years ago, we started to offer core classes in writing. A variety of academic enrichment classes have provided students with many more choices for summer school programming.

In addition, school districts are required to offer a minimum of 60 contact hours for students with disabilities, who have been identified by their IEP team as requiring extended instruction due to significant regression over the summer months. Determining a student’s need for ESY services is the responsibility of the IEP Team. Under IDEA law, a student with a disability is entitled to ESY services when an interruption in his/her education program will result in significant regression of acquired knowledge or learned skills. The decision that a student requires ESY services must be supported through documentation of student performance. The IEP team must consider the need for ESY services annually based upon the individual needs of the student.

Discussion:
Planning for summer school 2013 is proceeding. A proposal for the administrative structure for summer school is ready for your approval. (See Attachment)

The program for this year will be similar to recent years. This year’s courses will include a core curriculum for reading, writing, and math for students in grades K-7 (in 2012-2013). The target audience for the core curriculum will be students who need a school setting to maintain their skills in their subjects. In addition to the core curriculum, teacher-developed courses will be submitted for evaluation and inclusion in the summer school brochure (i.e., study skills, creative writing, technology, instrumental music).

In addition, we are looking to offer at least six courses that target the District's commitment to providing access to advanced learning opportunities.

- In **math**, prep courses will be offered for students who just completed grade 5, grade 6, or grade 7. The purpose of the course is for the student to work on the skills needed to be moved from grade level math to advanced math.
- In **math**, a prep course will be offered for students moving from grade 5 to
grade 6 and who wish to make a move from advanced math to accelerated math.

- In **language arts**, a prep course will be offered for students moving from grade 5 to grade 6 that will help prepare students who wish to enter Enriched Language Arts in grade 6.
- In **language arts**, a prep course will be offered for students moving from grade 5 to grade 6 who wish to be better prepared to opt-in to ACE Social Studies in grade 6.

Information regarding summer school will be distributed to parents by the week of Monday, April 8. As in the past, only classes with a minimum enrollment will be offered during summer school.

With regard to the Extended School Year program, the District will provide a total of 63 contact hours, which will run in two separate sessions. The first session will run concurrent with the summer school program, while the second session will take place at the beginning of August in order to assist students with maintaining skills and minimizing regression. Session one dates are scheduled for June 11-July 3, with student attendance from 9 p.m.-12 p.m. Session two will run from August 5-8 with attendance from 9-12 p.m. The requisite amount of hours are met with the two sessions, but will be extended over the summer. The offered courses target the identified areas of the students IEPs. Additionally, students with disabilities will have the opportunity for participation in the regularly scheduled summer school courses.

**Financial Impact:**

**Summer School**

Four years ago, the cost of summer school was increased from $150.00 per course to $175.00 per course. That was the first increase since the summer of 2003. We plan to keep the cost at $175.00 per course. By doing this, we will continue to offer small group sizes for our courses, and the program will continue to be financially self-supporting.

The budget for ESY is $61,000 used to compensate certified and non-certified staff. There are approximately 100 students who are eligible for services in ECE, Kindergarten, and grades 7.

**Recommendation:**

Approval of the 2013 summer school program and the Extended School Year program as presented.