Neil Tuller, Executive Administrator

Adventure Time families,

Mimi Albert, Director

We are sad to inform you that after 38 years of providing licensed, high quality before and after school child care and enrichment activities in the Oakland public schools, Adventure Time will not be providing care at your school beginning in the fall.

The State of California Department of Education is providing funds for the "Expanded Learning Opportunities Program" which is being implemented in many of California's public schools. This program, as described by the Department of Education, applies to "before school, after school, summer, or intersession learning programs that focus on developing the academic, social, emotional, and physical needs and interests of pupils through hands-on, engaging learning experiences." The Expanded Larning Opportunities Program Plan Guide further states: "It is the intent of the Legislature that expanded learning programs are pupil-centered, results driven, include community partners, and complement, but do not replicate, learning activities in the regular school day and school year."

School districts in California have chosen to use these funds in various ways, in accordance with the guidelines from the California Department of Education. The Oakland Unified School District issued a "Request For Proposal" to interested organizations to administer and operate child care programs at a number of Oakland schools including all of the Oakland Adventure Time sites.

We prepared a comprehensive proposal answering all questions in the Request For Proposal, outlining our qualifications and experience for over 38 years in the Oakland schools. We were informed this week that Adventure Time Extended Day Care was not qualified to operate these new programs, and our organization would not be included in the list of qualified organizations being provided to school principals. The school principals make the decision regarding which organization will operate the child care program at their school, but they are required to choose an organization from the list of qualified organizations provided by the Oakland Unified Shool District. Although we expected to be included on the list based on our 38 years of service in the schools and the longevity and quality of our teachers and staff, we were disappointed to find that we were not included.

We are offering our exciting science and art based Summer Day Camp program at Montclair School from May 30 through July 29. We look forward to sharing special times with your children. Enroll by the week choosing from many half day and full day options.

Although we are extremely disappointed, we want to thank the supportive school principals, and the many talented, dedicated Adventure Time teachers and staff members for so many years of dedication and the love they have put into their jobs. We wish the new programs and school community the best. We will truly miss all of your wonderful children and families.

Warm wishes,

Mimi AlbertNeil TullerDirectorExecutive Administrator