

ALICE DEAL MIDDLE SCHOOL WILL OFFER AFTERCARE FOR 2012-2013

August 1, 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The District of Columbia Public School System withdrew funding for the aftercare program at Alice Deal Middle School in June. A small group of parents and Deal administrators are working to establish a **new fee-based aftercare program** at the school with a licensed contract vendor in time for the beginning of the new school year. The aftercare provider will operate the program from 3:30-6:00 PM from Monday-Friday. The program will allow time to participate in Deal afterschool clubs and activities, offer homework assistance, and provide many other fun activities and snacks. While several details must still be finalized, we expect the cost to be approximately \$13 per operating day (paid monthly) with space for up to 200 children. Tuition assistance will be available and a discount offered to families with multiple children.

While the school has many clubs and activities offered by its staff and teachers, most clubs finish at 4:30 PM, with a few clubs that end at 5:00 PM. When these activities are finished, students are expected to depart for the day. Many parents require aftercare, especially for their younger students.

We need an initial show of interest for planning purposes. If your family requires aftercare beyond 4:30 PM and you are interested in participating in the new program, please e-mail the Deal parent group **as soon as possible, but not later than August 15, 2012** at:
Alicedealaftercare@gmail.com

Please include your name, address, phone, contact e-mail and the number of children/grades needing care so you can be included in developing our plans with the provider. **If your child(ren) receives free/reduced lunch and you feel comfortable sharing that information, please do so as we may be able to pursue grant/scholarship support for your child.**

Those who send information to the e-mail address will be notified shortly about the aftercare provider, registration/payment information and program operations once plans are finalized in the next week.

We welcome new parents/guardians to join our group as we implement this new program for Deal students and families. The parent group expects to work closely with the provider and the Deal administration in the next few months to create a high-quality afterschool program for our children.

Kevin Morison and the Aftercare Parent Group