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Dear WBGC Families,

I want to let you know that when our new membership year begins on September 1, the price of membership will be increasing. The new fee to be a WBGC member will be \$36/year.

This change is not happening because of financial reasons. Rather, our parent organization – Boys & Girls Clubs of King County – has decided that all 12 Clubs in the organization need to be charging the same amount for a basic membership. In past years, the different Clubs were charging a variety of membership fees, some as high as \$50 annually. At \$15 since the 1990s, Wallingford has been the lowest for several years.

Because members that get their membership at one Club can use services at another (i.e. – someone could purchase a \$15 membership at Wallingford but actually participate at a different Club), it was decided that the fee has to be the same across the board, beginning this school year.

We know that this increase may be a hardship to some of our families, especially those with more than one child attending. That is why we would like to offer payment plans and potentially scholarships to families that need it, something we have not done before for the membership fee:

Payment Plans: Families that sign an agreement can choose to pay their membership in 2 monthly installments of \$18 dollars or 3 monthly installments of \$12 dollars.

Scholarships: ALL FAMILIES MUST PAY AT LEAST THE \$15 RATE, per usual. But for families that qualify, we may be able to offer reductions on a sliding scale.

Please talk to Jen at the front desk for information about setting up a payment plan and/or scholarship eligibility.

If you have any questions or concerns about this change please feel free to contact me. Again, we want to work with families to minimize the impact to ensure that our members can continue to come and thrive in our program. Do not hesitate to let us know if you need support.

Thank you for your consideration,

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P.S. – for families that are able, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Club to support programs and scholarships for families in need.