

The Administration requests the authority to enter into a long term agreement with the YMCA of Central Massachusetts – Central Branch for the use of gymnasium and parking space for Jacob Hiatt Magnet School.

Since 1990 and the opening of Jacob Hiatt Magnet School, the WPS has continuously budgeted for the use of the gymnasium and parking lot at the YMCA of Central Mass Central Branch. The cost was included in the lease of the Alden Building, which was used for our pre-school program until FY04. In 2005, WPS ceased operation of the preschool at that site and WPS leases only the gymnasium and 19 parking spaces for Jacob Hiatt School. One floor of the Alden Building is currently leased separately for the overcrowding at Chandler Elementary School.

The Administration has proposed and the YMCA has agreed to the following terms of a ten year agreement starting in FY16:

Continue with the lease for use of the gymnasium and 19 parking spaces, by the Worcester Public Schools, exclusively for use by the Jacob Hiatt Magnet School, with the following consideration:

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| FY16 – FY18 | freeze at current rate of \$39,338.13 for gym usage; \$7,474.04 for use of 19 parking spots |
| FY19 – FY20 | increase of 2% each year for gym usage; increase of 2% each year for use of 19 parking spots |
| FY21 – FY25 | increase based on previous year CPI, capped at 3% for each year for gym usage; increase based on previous year CPI, capped at 3% for each year for use of 19 parking spots. |

In exchange, the YMCA has proposed and the Administration has agreed to the following language:

“If there is any change with regard to the availability of the gym, the YMCA of Central MA, must notify the Superintendent of Schools within 3 days after the final vote of the YMCA Board or Directors, but no later than January 1 of the next school year starting in August”

The arrangement has been beneficial to both the Worcester Public Schools and the YMCA of Central Massachusetts. The Administration recommends authority to enter into an agreement in excess of three years in accordance with the provision of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B, Section 12(b).