

Exeter Family YMCA

Community & SAU16 Benefits

It is difficult to outline any and all future community benefits prior to a building opening up. The following are some initial ideas. A successful collaboration incorporates a dialog and partnership of all stakeholders. The YMCA has yet to have any discussions with groups but will prior to the implementation of these or any other projects. The costs are approximates and are annual savings. The YMCA looks forward to working with the SAU and the other youth serving community groups to meet the needs of all youth and families in SAU 16.

Swim Lessons – The YMCA will offer 8 weeks of swim lessons/water safety lessons for all SAU 16 third graders. The classes will take place during the school day. There are currently 426 Third graders enrolled in SAU 16. The cost for 8 swim lessons at the Portsmouth YMCA is \$50 and while final cost for the program in Exeter is not yet known they would probably be comparable. If the YMCA offered this free of charge to all students, the **Financial benefit to the SAU16 students = \$21,300 annually**

Family Nights at the YMCA – It is important to develop school pride and to provide opportunities for families to spend time together as a larger community. Having a family night at the YMCA is a great way to strengthen families. In a full facility YMCA with pools, a gym, program space a track and a host of other amenities the cost to operate these events is high. Other YMCA's offer this and the average cost is approximately \$1,000 per evening. If the YMCA offered each school a free night and two other SAU16 nights were offered, **The financial benefit to the SAU16 students = \$10,000 annually**

Activate America – Through a partnership with The Kimberly Clark Corporation, the YMCA of the USA has developed a program to combat childhood obesity. This community collaboration engages business, schools, YMCA's, hospitals and other youth serving agencies. The program is tailored to each community but the premise incorporates regular exercise and a focus on eating habits. The staffing, membership fees and program costs would be absorbed by the YMCA. **The financial benefit to the SAU16 students = \$10,000 annually**

Financial assistance – No one is turned away from the YMCA because they are unable to afford the fee of the program. SAU16 students and parents will benefit from participating in YMCA programs. The YMCA will raise money to pay for these individuals and families. While it is unknown how much assistance would be available, it is anticipated that youth and families in the SAU16 would receive a **financial benefit to the SAU16 students = \$25,000-\$50,000 annually**

Facility Usage – It is anticipated that a variety of community and school groups will utilize the YMCA facility throughout the year. Reduced or waived fees will be substantial. **The financial benefit to the SAU16 students = \$10,000 annually**

Aquatic training for teens – High school students are seeking ways to become trained and employed in the work place. In partnership with the Seacoast School of Technology and the high school, a variety of life guarding classes, internships and job training opportunities will be available at the YMCA. **The financial benefit to the SAU16 students = \$10,000 annually**

Youth Membership - It takes a village to raise a child. If SAU16 youth are recreating and spending their free time after school during the weekends, and during the holidays, at the YMCA, this impacts on their class work. Creating a safe and healthy environment is important to the health of a child. **The financial benefit to the SAU16 students = Priceless**

Values – At the YMCA, the core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility are fostered in all the programs and activities. These trickle into the rest of their lives. If you have well behaved, caring children they may do better in school and may be more prepared to provide positive energy to the school community. **The financial benefit to the SAU16 students = Priceless**

Total: Over \$121,300 annually