

Memo: Re: Chilmark School Funding Request

To: Chilmark School Principal Susan Stevens, Superintendent Richie Smith, Chilmark School SAC and PTO, Up Island Regional School District School Committee, and Chilmark Select Board

From: Rebekah Thomson, Debbi Zetterberg, Anne Mayhew, Alicia Knight, Liz Hirsch, and Chilmark Preschool Director Anja May

Date: May 9, 2023

In January, the Chilmark Preschool Board of Directors met with the Chilmark Select Board, the School Advisory Council, the Up Island Regional School District, the Chilmark School Principal and the Superintendent and discussed ways that we could ease the challenges that may occur while we continue to utilize the current classroom for the next two years. Space is limited and we recognize and support the school's need to provide high quality instruction to all of its students.

During our meetings, much of the discussion was focused on specific concerns and challenges around using the CCC and the Chilmark Library for Specials (music, theater, art, etc.). At that time, the Preschool Board offered to help pay for items that would provide temporary solutions to ease that burden such as storage shelves or units, moveable carts, floor mats, etc.

Susan Stevens sent the following written estimate for permanent flooring and a telephone estimate for a storage container to the Preschool Board. It is our understanding that this is the total amount that will be requested from the Preschool during the new, 2-year lease period and will satisfy our contribution as promised.

Flooring from Parker Carpet	\$7,460
Carrolls storage containers (8x20) 250/mo for 12 mo	\$3,000
Carrolls delivery/removal (\$155/each way)	\$ 310
TOTAL:	\$10,770

Although the total amount represents a significant percentage of our overall budget, our Board met last Thursday and voted unanimously to pay this amount to the Chilmark School. Please let us know how to make out the check (as we have written our annual check to UIRSD per our original lease agreement) and it will be hand delivered to Susan Stevens shortly thereafter.

We appreciate the accommodation being made for us and fully support the efforts of Susan Stevens and the teachers of the Chilmark School to make this work for two more years as we work to build a new preschool building on the Beetlebung campus.

We are honored to partner with the public school in serving our community of children and families and look forward to many more years of successful collaboration.

Sincerely,

The Chilmark Preschool Board of Directors