

SIC PTA advertises for non-existent program

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SEA ISLE CITY - The Sea Isle City Parent Teacher Association has been advertising for interested parents to contact the school district

about the before and after school program.

The Sea Isle City School District does not have such a program.

Advertisements were run in a local newspaper by the PTA but, according to board mem-

bers, it was done without their knowledge or encouragement. Dr. Tim Wade, outgoing chief school administrator (CSA) for the Educational Information and Resource Center (EIRC), the organization hired to run the

school district, suggested adding such a program to the school district several months ago. At that time, school board members had asked him to bring information

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about the program, including staffing and cost estimates, to the board. They have not yet received any of that information, the board confirmed at Tuesday night's meeting.

EIRC director Charles

Ivory said Tuesday night he did not believe the PTA advertising a program that does not exist would be a problem. He said any parent calling the school for information or expressing interest in enrolling a child in a before or after school program would be added to a list, and then contacted when and if the board approved instituting such a program.

Ivory said EIRC would be providing the information on establishing such a program to the board for consideration at one of the August meetings. The board meets on Tuesday evenings, and the next meetings are slated for Aug. 21 and Aug. 28.

Several board members said Tuesday that they would be in favor of adding a before and after school care program to the district. No age ranges, minimum or maximum enrollment levels, costs or district funding were discussed for the district with a projected total enrollment next year of 81 students in preschool through eighth grade.

Wade has been absent from school board meetings since late May. He leaves the district again at the end of August. He previously served as CSA in July and August 2005, and returned in mid-spring, when then-CSA Warren Benedetto resigned. EIRC has not yet presented to the board a candidate to replace Wade.