



BERTSCHI SCHOOL

Financial Aid Information Night ~ January 5, 2011



What is Bertschi's financial aid philosophy?

- **Diversity is a core value**
- **Confidentiality**
- **A portion of tuition revenue is set aside for financial aid**
- **90% of family's need ***
- **\$100 minimum monthly payment**

What does financial aid pay for?

- **Need-based**
- **Tuition assistance**
- **Access to programs**
 - **Learning Services**
 - **Clubs**
- **Extended Day**

Who is eligible for financial aid at Bertschi?

- Range of awards

Families eligible for awards (not prioritized):

- Returning families
- Returning families requesting aid for the first time
- Separated/divorced/never married families
- New families

How do I apply for financial aid?

- **Bertschi's Financial Aid Application Form**
 - **Estimate of payments**
 - **Narrative**
- **SSS PFS online (1 day)**
- **SSS PFS paper (14 days)**
- **Other documentation:**
 - **2010 Tax return documents**
 - **Farm/Business Statement**

How do I apply for financial aid?

- **Planning for your fin. aid application:**
 - **Paper or Online?**
 - **Financial need statement – tell your story**
 - **Organize tax information early**
 - **File taxes asap**
 - **Keep in touch – if something changes, let us know**

How do I apply for financial aid?

- **Timeline:**
 - **November 15 – SSS opens for new year**
 - **December 1 – SSS begins processing**
 - **January 24 – FA App. due for current families**
 - **February 3 – Bertschi FA App. due for new families**
 - **February 14 – Re-enrollment contracts due for current families**
 - **March 3 – Finalize SSS PFS, all documentation due**
 - **March 17 – Award offers**
 - **March 28 – Award acceptance due**