

***SOMERVILLE YMCA***

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Dear Valued Members of the Somerville YMCA Community,

It is with both gratitude for your continued support and a sense of responsibility that we write to inform you of an important change in our swim lesson program pricing.

Over the past few years, we have faced numerous challenges, including the necessity to maintain competitive staff compensation, the impact of rising utility prices, and our unwavering commitment to providing high-quality programming for our community. These factors have led us to carefully evaluate our ability to continue to offer free youth swim lessons.

After thorough consideration, it has become apparent that an adjustment to the pricing structure is necessary to ensure the continued success and excellence of our swim lesson program. After the January 2024 session, the cost for a six-week swim lesson session will be adjusted to $36.

We understand that this change may raise questions and concerns. We want to assure you that this decision was not made lightly. We remain dedicated to providing accessible and valuable services to our community. The new pricing structure will enable us to maintain the high standards of our programming, including ongoing staff training and development, while also addressing the increasing operational costs we face.

We recognize that financial considerations can be a challenge for some of our members, and we want to emphasize our commitment to serving the Somerville community. We are able to offer financial assistance, to ensure that the benefits of our swim lessons remain accessible to all. If you need financial assistance, please contact us at [frontdesk@somervilleymca.org](mailto:frontdesk@somervilleymca.org) or call 617-625-5050.

Your continued support and understanding during this transition are greatly appreciated. We are committed to providing an exceptional experience for you and your family.

Thank you for being a vital part of the Somerville YMCA community. We look forward to seeing you at the pool and continuing to serve you with excellence.

Sincerely,

Vladimir Benoit

President & CEO

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