

# Glen Ellyn School District

Historical review of D41's space challenges and full-day kindergarten



For more than six years, the Glen Ellyn School District 41 has been exploring offering full-day kindergarten with a goal of better preparing students for first grade and providing a strong educational foundation.

In 2016, a majority of both parents and non-parent survey respondents supported a full-day kindergarten:

## Non-parents

Do you support D41 offering full-day kindergarten? (n=642)



Average Response: 6.95 s= 4.26

## Parents

Do you support D41 offering full-day kindergarten? (n=786)



Average Response: 7.6 s= 3.98

In 2016, respondents shared comments supporting full-day kindergarten, as seen below:

*"I really feel like half day kindergarten programs do a disservice to families, students and teachers. At this age, kids are very ready to learn and we should take full advantage of this opportunity."*

*"I am at a loss to understand why District 41 does not provide full day kindergarten, especially during these times where the majority of families are based on both parents working."*

*"My child attended full-day kindergarten in another state and benefited from it! I believe full-day kindergarten is a must (and, not an option)."*

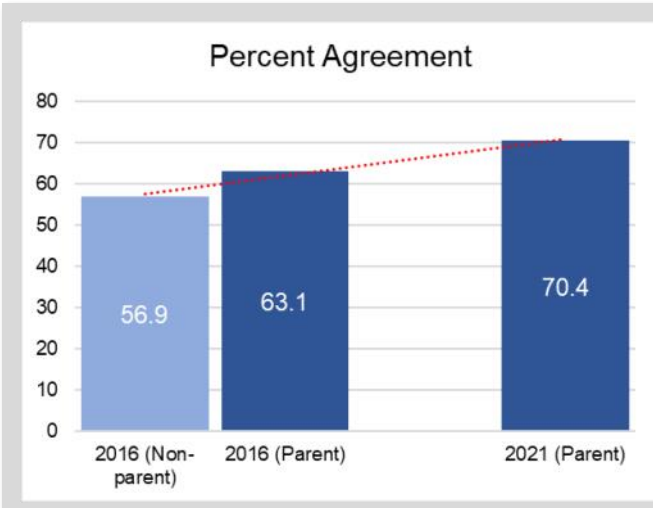
*"Full-day kindergarten is extremely important and should be the district's highest priority."*

*"It is insane that we do not yet have full day kindergarten. Early education - critical for success later in life. For the taxes I pay to live in such a nice community I was shocked to learn that the district still employed half day kindergarten."*

*"Full day kindergarten is a must to stay competitive in the area. This doesn't necessarily mean this allows more time for instruction. There would be a balance between instruction, physical activity, social activities, and PBL learning."*

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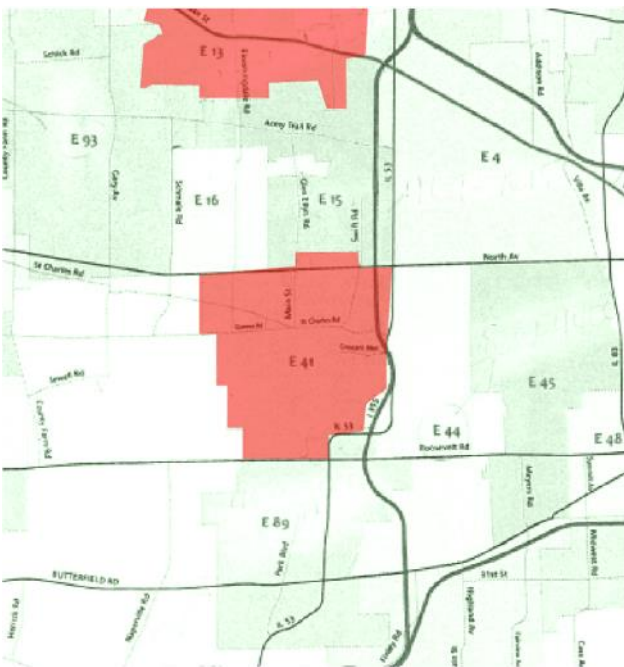
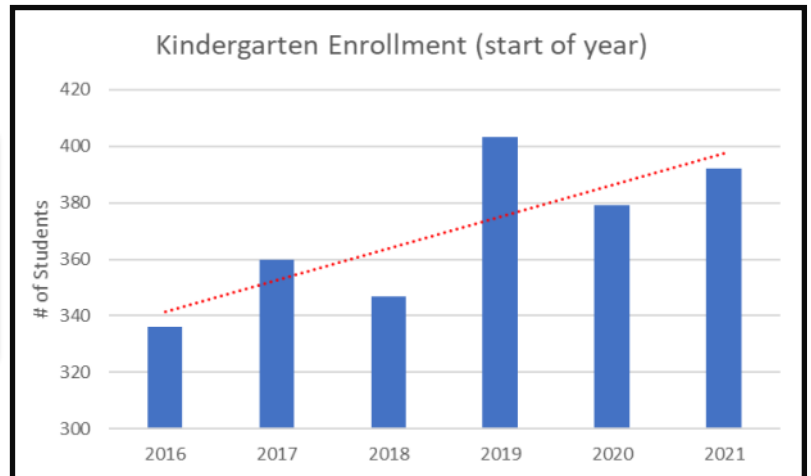
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In 2019, it had become clear that D41 does not have the space needed to offer full-day kindergarten at each school and, therefore, would need to offer it at an alternative location.

With this context, parents were again asked if D41 should pursue a plan to offer full-day kindergarten. As seen in the chart to the left, support from parents for full-day kindergarten grew by 7% compared to 2016.

Enrollment is increasing each year and is projected to continue as home sales and overall population in the area rise. ([Enrollment / Enrollment \(d41.org\)](#))



One of the concerns for the community is that D41 will become less competitive. As seen in the graphic to the left, the majority (88.2%) of the Glenbard High School District feeder school districts and local private schools offer full-day kindergarten.

- = Full-day 5K
- = No full-day 5K