

Glen Ellyn School District 41 Surveys

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Full-Day Kindergarten Survey GESD41

Respondents: 642 displayed, 642 total **Status:** Open

Launched Date: 10/07/2014 **Closed Date:** N/A

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1. Are you a parent of a future kindergartener that will attend District 41?

		Response Total	Response Percent
Yes		347	54%
No		317	49%
		Total Respondents	642

2. Are you a parent/guardian of a child currently enrolled in District 41?

		Response Total	Response Percent
Yes		373	58%
No		291	45%
		Total Respondents	642

3. Are you a community member with no children currently enrolled in District 41?

		Response Total	Response Percent
Yes		128	20%
No		536	83%
		Total Respondents	642

4. Are you a District 41 staff member?

		Response Total	Response Percent
Yes		156	24%
No		508	79%
		Total Respondents	642

5. I believe that full-day kindergarten helps children become more prepared for future learning.

		Response Total	Response Percent
Strongly Agree		433	67%
Somewhat Agree		123	19%
Do Not Agree		90	14%
Do Not Know		18	3%
Total Respondents		642	

6. I believe District 41 should implement full-day kindergarten.

		Response Total	Response Percent
Strongly Agree		446	69%
Somewhat Agree		100	16%
Do Not Agree		104	16%
Do Not Know		14	2%
Total Respondents		642	

7. Would you be interested in enrolling your child in full-day kindergarten if offered by District 41?

		Response Total	Response Percent
Yes		335	52%
Maybe		37	6%
No		71	11%
N/A		221	34%
Total Respondents		642	

8. If District 41 implemented full-day kindergarten, what type of program would you support?

		Response Total	Response Percent
Full Day for all with no cost to families		482	75%
Full Day for identified at-risk students		180	28%
Full Day with tuition		230	36%
Do Not Agree		57	9%
Total Respondents		642	

9. Comments:

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Total Respondents 229
(skipped this question) 413

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9. Comments:

Full Response

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do we have the space for them? 2. Given the educational goals currently set for our children, I have felt that half day did not give them enough classroom time to meet these standards. 3. Please inform the community why FDK adds educational value. I only hear it pushed by families that want the childcare convenience of FDK. 4. This should have been done YEARS ago. Of course it is too late for my kids. Sad to say the least. 5. This survey has been crafted to get the answers that you want or to prevent answers that you don't want. Why not provide all of the facts of cost associated with full day K vs the benefits and then survey so people can make informed responses vs. uninformed or emotional responses. 6. I just moved to the district this summer with a kindergarten student. He had been registered for full day with tuition in our previous district (WA St) and I was quite surprised that not only did d41 not offer it but also how short the half day kindergarten day was. 7. I can not state strongly enough how much I support adding full day kindergarten in D41. Our family, as well as several neighbors have children that are ready for classroom instruction now, and will certainly be ready next year. 8. There is no need for full day kindergarten as there are no studies that it benefits all children. If you do implement all day kindergarten it needs to be for all children at no fee, we would not want to be a district that discriminates. 9. I think it would be wonderful if this option was offered but only for those parents who desire all-day kindergarten. There should continue to be a half-day option. 10. Wish I could have sent my 4 kids through full-day kindergarten. With the new standards/learning targets coming into place, I believe it is more important than ever now. 11. This is an expense that the district does not need to take on. 5 year olds need time during the day to be children and not have to conform to school expectations. 12. We are behind the curve on offering all day K. For the betterment of all students, this must be a priority. All day K will also aide in closing the achievement gap. 13. Most five year olds do not need to go to school for a full day. I think society is pushing children too much and need to give them time to be kids. I feel that kindergartners need to use their large motor muscles more than a full day of school would allow. Educating parents to teach their children some of the numeric/phonics/language basics would cost far less than doubling the time for kindergartners to be in school. A mandatory child development/parenting class for high schoolers is needed to fix our educational and societal problems. 14. The kids need full day kindergarten to be able to keep up with academic expectations in future grades. 15. D41 is in chaos and turmoil. I would like to see them start working within their budget and stop asking for more taxes. From where I am sitting, they seem to have squandered their already extra large piece of the tax pie. Rather than tighten their belt, they "create" the appearance of need. Use the space you | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> view |
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- have more effectively and cut the fat in the administration for starters. Do you really think nobody notices this? IMHO, you have lost your credibility.
16. There are multiple options for question 8 not listed including hybrids of the options [view](#)
- Every other surrounding town has full day kindergarten and they certainly don't charge tuition! That seems ridiculous to me.
17. Full day kindergarten seems like too much for a 5 year old. Let them be little as long as they can. My oldest 2 went to half day kindergarten here and are in no way behind friends and family that live in other districts with full day. [view](#)
18. My youngest is now in 1st grade, but as a working parent, I always resented the assumption that every child has a stay at home mom that can work with a half day school day. We had to pay \$10,000 last year for an all day kindergarten. [view](#)
19. It seems to me that there is little to no way that District 41 can meet the rigors of Common Core without Full Day Kindergarten. Additionally, in this day in age, I don't understand how District 41 believes that working parents can meet the daily demands of the workplace with half day school. [view](#)
20. I have students in kindergarten and first grade. If D41 had implemented full-day kindergarten, I would not have sent my sons to a D41 school. This is the last year before students must attend full-day school, and they need free play, space for their imaginations to roam, and maximum time at home with their primary care-givers. And I would argue that my sons, by spending more time with me and learning sophisticated literacy skills at home from me, are academically far more prepared and advanced than any peers who have attended full-day programs. Plus they have the foundation of my attention and unconditional love. They do not need more school. [view](#)
21. Simply put, our Kindergarteners are missing out on many many opportunities to further enhance their emotional, physical, and intellectual development due to the very short half day program. It is clear the teachers feel like there is little time to teach with best practice pedagogy. If we HAVE to meet common core standards, then we MUST give kindergarten teachers the time need to incorporate those lessons along with activities related to social development and possibly some fun:) [view](#)
- We NEED this!!
22. Although I would love if this was implemented with no cost to families, I feel so strongly about it that I am willing to pay tuition to see it happen. Last year when I did have a kindergartener, I paid to have him do a Kindergarten Enrichment . This program was essential to supplement half day school. Full day kindergarten is done thing our kids need and deserve! [view](#)
23. I strongly feel that children do not need full day kindergarten, with the possible exception of at-risk students. Kindergarten has become such "serious business" with no play time at all, and I strongly believe, and many studies have shown, that five- and six-year-olds need plenty of time during their day to play.; SurveyAnswerTextNull; SurveyAnswerTextNull; I feel that full day kindergarten for 5 and 6 year olds would not benefit the kids. So much time in school would not be of benefit in terms of learning as I suspect that the children would lose focus and interest throughout the afternoon. [view](#)
24. When my 4 children were young, I worked outside of the home. Good child care was hard to find, and very expensive. Full-day kindergarten would have really been great! [view](#)
25. Most children in d41 attend excellent preschool programs and are ready for kgtn. Are Kgtn teachers are excellent, our test scores are excellent, and most families have a stay-at-home parent. My older children still napped in afternoons after kgtn. and would be too exhausted to learn anything in the afternoon. For older children or parents who work, there are several excellent choices for extended afternoons. I feel this is a push by admin to further their own agendas and plans for what they want. Especially new building(s). The extra payroll costs will be huge on top of all the new spanish teachers needed. State funding is going to go down drastically. This is a luxury for some that is not needed. [view](#)
26. Full day kindergarten is best for students. With the increased rigor and expectations related to 21st century learning, our children need every possible opportunity to experience success. Full day kindergarten will provide students with the foundation that is necessary to be prepared for a career of learning. Every ounce of research shows that early intervention is the most responsible and effective way to support a student's growth and success. [view](#)
27. I don't think that full day kindergarten would significantly change future student performance. The cost benefit ratio, given the money needed for the necessary facilities, is too high. [view](#)
28. If implemented, I believe full day should be optional and the half day option should still be available. In addition, I would want to ensure there are no additional tax increases due to the higher operational costs involved with implementing such a program. [view](#)
29. Given that the majority of children now attend pre-school, for longer than the 2 1/2 hours currently offered for kindergarten, the majority of children need more at age 5. Most communities have already [view](#)

implemented a full-day kindergarten. We are the exception.

30. I think it is silly not to have full day kinder. My daughter went to pre school longer than kinder. I would have paid for her to go full day, instead I paid the park district for enrichment. The common core requires so much, why not have them go full day. Makes no sense. [view](#)
31. Full day kindergarten is too long of a day for children who are 5 years old. Many have never even been to preschool, and kindergarten is their first school experience. The children need time to rest and play, not more structured work time. 5 year old children do not have the attention span to concentrate for 6 1/2 hours per day, and should not be lumped together with 7-11 year olds. I do not support full day kindergarten. [view](#)
32. I think that extending half day kindergarten to a real half day would be great - if it was 3.5 hours instead of 2.5 hours [view](#)
33. I believe Kindergarteners are too young for a full day of school. They need the transition year of half day school for their well being. It would also but undue stress on our already crowded district and schools. [view](#)
34. A full day seems like a lot for five year olds. If half day kindergarten is not preparing kids for first grade, maybe we could have 3 half/2 full days or some combination. My son is currently in kindergarten and I can't imagine him staying focused and alert for a full day, but I could definitely be wrong. He loves school! [view](#)
35. Look at Naperville 203. No full day Kindergarten for many years. Look at state of Illinois truancy laws. Are children required to attend at all? Examine longitudinal research regarding full day Kindergarten and its efficacy. [view](#)
36. I think one of the biggest advantages of full day kindergarten is the social-emotional growth these kids have while they are there. There would be a greater opportunity to develop the science base and perhaps begin Spanish Language education. Additionally, these children need more time to absorb what they are learning, and this will allow the first grade teachers teach forward rather than spend so much time recapping things these children didn't have the time to grasp in Kindergarten. I am paying for kindergarten enrichment now, and my son comes home and talks more about that program than he does his Kindergarten day. These kids just need more time to absorb and apply what they are learning. They need appropriate breaks to be able to focus and collect themselves. Full day kindergarten could provide these things. [view](#)
37. This is a topic we are extremely interested in. As no full day kindergarten is offered we are considering private school with a full day kindergarten program. It would be helpful for the board to come to a decision sooner than later. [view](#)
38. I went to full day kindergarten and I believe that it was to my benefit. I would prefer my children are in full day kindergarten in our district, but if it is not offered I will be sending my kids to a private full day kindergarten because I believe it is very important for this generation. Many of us moved to the suburbs for the education. We pay a lot in taxes and I think that full day kindergarten should not be extra. [view](#)
39. Would also want 1/2 day option.; Would like dual language kindergarten to be offered at all of the buildings. How is it equitable that it is only at Church Hill? Superintendent Gordon mentioned that dual language was a game changer for our district. How is that possible if it is offered at one school only?; Nope. We're starting too much pressure at too young of an age.; Nope. We're starting too much pressure at too young of an age. [view](#)
40. #1: Spend money on roping in and educating the preschoolers who already arrive behind the pack, don't further separate the haves and have-nots.
#2: Don't spend a dime until current legislative issues have been resolved. We can not expand while losing state funding.
#3: My family is spending savings to pay D41 area taxes. We have already begun to look for a home out of district. [view](#)
41. Every dist around this area is full day kindergarten. I truly believe our kids/ students r behind in terms of how advance the other dist around the area are. [view](#)
42. Many children in GE have already had significant exposure to learning environments by the time they arrive to kindergarten. For our children 1/2 day kindergarten was like a step back! Maybe offer 1/2 day at no charge to everyone with full day optional with additional small fee required that would be subsidized for children qualifying for free lunch. [view](#)
43. With increased expectations in the schools full day kindergarten would help students be better prepared while also allowing for some play and creative time that's getting lost. [view](#)

Full day kindergarden is too long of a day for most 5 year olds. There are already a ridiculous amount of

44. parents who hold their children back from starting kindergarden until they are 6 or even 6 1/2 years old. I definitely think there will be even more parents holding their kids back so they can keep up with the demands of all day school. I wonder if the parents who are redshirting their kids are the one pushing for all day kindergarden. Certainly a child who is 6 or 6 1/2 can handle all day kindergarden but what about the 5 year olds? [view](#)
45. As a parent of two young children who are not yet school age, I strongly believe that a full day kindergarden improves learning later on. I worked at a kindergarden in Korean and know first-hand the value and level of education that foreign countries provide for their young children. My husband and I both work full time, and we would not be able to afford to send our kids to full day kindergarden if there was a tuition charge. My small, hometown in Wisconsin offers free half day Pre-K to all kids as well as full day kindergarden. I'm a bit appalled by the schooling in Illinois. [view](#)
46. I think the more pressing issue is the overcrowding of our current schools and elimination of the portables. If that problem is solved then the issue of full day kindergarden should come into play. We have many other options in Glen Ellyn to pair with the half day programs. [view](#)
47. I wish this had been available for my kids, and I think it should be available to others. [view](#)
48. Approximately 75% of kindergartens are full day. More school is better. Glen Ellyn has fallen behind. Kindergarden is part of public school and there should not be an increased cost. After all, why not charge for full day 1st grade? [view](#)
49. At Ben Franklin - where my current Kindergartner attends - you would need 2 additional teachers & classrooms. The learning expectation for the kindergarden student is significantly higher than when I was a student. Therefore the pace of learning has significantly increased for the student, teacher and school system. The higher stakes, the more important earlier and more intensive effort is invested in the product - a comprehensive, employable graduate to take their place in our society as a taxpayer and community participant. [view](#)
50. Full day without cost to family so that every child can benefit even those from low income families... [view](#)
51. I have a second grader and twins in kindergarden now. It is my understanding that there are not enough classrooms or teachers at Ben Franklin to have four full day classes. That is fine with me. There are plenty of other education things to do all around us with our 5 year olds. I am pleased that we are building more space so that the portables can be removed for the older kids. They will do better at school for it, but full day for 5 year olds, in my opinion, is not necessary. [view](#)
52. The reason people want full day kindergarden is so they don't have to pay for childcare, not because they actually care about the learning aspect. Let the kids be kids - they have the rest of their lives to go to school for 8 hours a day. And I have a 1st and 2nd grader currently in d41. They went half day and are fine!! [view](#)
53. I think that implementing a full day kindergarden program is necessary for so many reasons, for one the children will not have their curriculum time cut in half they will have an full day opportunity to learn more or more time to comprehend some challenging subjects that they are having a difficult time with learning. Every child learns at a different pace, so having more hours in a day helps a child to get a few more examples to help them better understand. Just having 2 and 1/2 hours of learning time doesn't prepare them for the next grade level up which is 1st grade. Some Kindergarteners come in only knowing the alphabet, their numbers 1 to 10, and their names. Having a full day program gives them a chance to use their brains to expand beyond that basic learning, they can be able to write the letters in their name, count to 50, know the pronunciation and relation of each letter in the alphabet. All in all the more you know, the more you [view](#)
54. I would like to see it as an option. Offer 1/2 day Kindergarten free, but parents can choose full day for a fee. Also, kids who qualify could go for free. It gives the teachers twice as much time to work with the kids academically and socially. [view](#)
55. Neighboring communities have full day kindergarden. We moved to GE because of the great school districts. I don't understand how we let ourselves fall behind other school districts who are not as "good" as ours and they have full day kindergarden. Sometimes I think D41 thinks that GE Parents can afford KE Enrichment at the Park District so let them pay. My daughter loved the learning at Enrichment which she didn't have time to get to during the packed 2.5 hours kindergarden day. [view](#)
56. My child goes to Churchill and that school is an over-packed sardine can as it is. The bathrooms and ventilation system are inadequate to handle all these kids in the school. With an increase in the severity of communicable diseases, this school could be hit even harder just due to its over crowded nature. I came from a neighboring suburb and I am SHOCKED at how bad District 41 schools are. If I had know I would have never moved into this district. Tax payers in this district are underwater due to the poor planning of this district and full day kindergarden just cannot be afforded and there is no space for it. No to new schools, keep adding on to the current structure until we can accomidate the kids we have now before you even THINK of full day kindergarden. The facilities in this district are DEPLORABLE. [view](#)

- Look at the real estate market, people who's kids are done with Glenbard West are high tailing it out of Glen Ellyn because they cannot afford the taxes. People with homes for sale above \$600K cant unload them fast enough and there ar no buyers because the taxes are insane. Take this to the school board.
57. 1)Why would there be a "cost" to families for sending your child to a public school, beyond the normal "school fees"???
2) How do you determine who is "at-risk" if the student hasn't even begun school yet?
3) I want this to begin next school year when my daughter will be starting Kind. at Churchill! [view](#)
58. My kid is currently in full day kindergarten elsewhere, and while I would have loved for him to attend it within the school district, I understand the challenges that D41 has in terms of space and funding. The district stands to lose funding due to SB16. There are many other priorities on the table, from what I've read so far, such as finishing up the facilities, getting rid of portables, continuing programs that are currently offered. If we have the space, we should consider offering it to the community, but as a paid option. Not everyone in this community will benefit from a free full day kindergarten option. [view](#)
59. as with everything, depends on cost of extra facilities if needed, additional headcount, etc. but I feel to compete, the students NEED to start full day K. So the 'somewhat' above is reserved based on the cost and how much it will cost the average taxpayer. [view](#)
60. Most of the school districts have full day kindergarten program. D41 is behind than most school districts around us and I would like to vote for yes and don't like any kind of delay implementing this. [view](#)
61. I strongly feel our school district needs to have full day kindergarten. Many of our neighboring communities are providing it and we are behind the times. It will support the core standards & give our students more learning time as well as the social piece they strongly need. [view](#)
- You are asking respondents to answer questions WITHOUT providing information so an informed decision can be made. Where are the studies/research to support the benefits of full-day Kindergarten? What is the proposed "tuition"? Also, what are the costs to have the facilities to allow full-day kindergarten? Is it the intention of D41 to build a new school with taxpayer dollars? What will be the effect of the lowering of state funding have on D41?
62. If you are seriously interested in obtaining community feedback, the B of E and D41 administration MUST be more transparent and provide relevant information to the community. [view](#)
- More importantly, the B of E MUST represent the community NOT the D41 administration.
- Hi,
63. I am fortunate to stay at home with my kids and do not need full day kindergarten to help my schedule. I feel play and rest are equally essential to development and success in life - this is what might make me hesitant to enroll in full day. However, if implemented it would only affect my youngest (third) child. By then I may personally enjoy the benefits of a full day so I am open to considering it. But, I truly feel it won't affect their academic or social success later in life. As a result, I would not pay tuition for it. [view](#)
64. I would only enroll in full day with no cost. I would never pay. [view](#)
65. I was with the group that advocated for full-day kindergarten back in May. I just want to clarify that I am ONLY for optional full-day K and not required full-K (I rather have no full-day than required). My son went to half-day and I am so glad that he did: 1) he is not behind and have been doing very well, 2) I enjoyed doing HW with him, the best result is 3) he got to play with his new classmates, bonded with his younger sister. Most parents I talked to prefer half-day for various reasons (like just not having the stamina, family schedule etc.). Parents should have the right to choose what's right for their children. [view](#)
66. finance additional school time (costs - teachers, faculty, classroom maintenance, etc.) with current funding from property and other state & county taxes. supplement with as minimal a tuition for full-time kindergarten students.
provide a period for rest/nap for kindergarteners after lunch.
allow for half-day kindergarteners in morning. afternoon kindergarten arrivals may interrupt full-day class. [view](#)
- I believe many glen Ellyn-ites would agree with most of this position on full-time kindergarten.
- thanks for your time!

67. We are behind the trend in good education. Lombard has had free full day kindergarten for at least 8 years. The children and their parents benefit. I believe Wheaton does, too. We proclaim such a fine system here in GE, yet we are not providing the best for our youngest children. A well run full day kindergarten is far superior to most daycare facilities, to which many of our youngest children go. This should be implemented for next year! [view](#)
68. This tends to be the norm in surrounding districts. [view](#)
69. There is already too much crammed in to the day. There is so little joyfulness left in kindergarten. I would only support full-day if it was done to slow down the pace and give kids more time to focus on the basics, absorb what they are learning, and add more recess time. [view](#)
70. There absolutely needs to be a cost sharing between families and the school district for full day. I came from District 200 and it was an excellent tuition based program. Glen Ellyn school district is behind other major communities who already have full day kindergarten-Wheaton, Geneva, Naperville, etc. We need to get up with the times. Strong school districts generally hold property values and attract home buyers. To net it out this helps property owners in Glen Ellyn no matter if they have children enrolled or not. [view](#)
71. While I would be willing to pay a bit for my child to attend full-day kindergarten at a public school, I think it would put our lower income children at a disadvantage if they had to pay; unless they could have subsidized or receive scholarships. They should start off in 1st grade on same foot as the higher income students. I also feel that there still needs to be plenty of free play time during the suggested 6.5 hour time frame for kids this age. [view](#)
72. My 4-year-old twins are currently enrolled in Wheaton Montessori. We are committed to keeping them there through kindergarten. One reason they are in this private school is our strong belief in early childhood education. We will try to keep them in the private school for the next 9 years if we can afford it, because we strongly believe that despite the high quality of District 41 by comparison to other public schools, District 41 education is not remotely as good as a Montessori education. That said, it is unlikely that we can afford private school, so I intend to become more active in District 41 to press for improvement. Full day kindergarten is a start. [view](#)
73. I prefer full day for all, no tuition. Many families who would want or need it would not have the means to pay tuition. Full day K could be decided by lottery/based on need if there was a lot of interest but not enough space for all. Some families may not be interested because of stay-at-home parents available. [view](#)
74. I am in favor of an elective option of full-day kindergarten. The need for full-day kindergarten is a polarizing topic, which your survey will likely identify. I don't think there is an easy solution, but the elective option provides a degree of compromise. My oldest child has participated in an elective option, and the peer pressure on the child as well as the success of the other students led to a number of the half-day students to convert mid-year. [view](#)
75. I think about my son, who is currently enrolled in kindergarten at Lincoln, and full-day can be a LONG day for a 5-year-old. Therefore, my inclination is to offer full-day with tuition for the additional half-day for those that want/need it. Conversely, I wonder whether implementation should be district-wide so that students entering first grade are not doing so at vastly different levels of aptitude. [view](#)
76. Please SLOW down---wait for the additions to be completed. Then, you will have a better feel for space. We don't things settled down before this district is on to something else. Focus on developing PBL and common core. Please table this until next year. [view](#)
77. D41 is usually on the forefront of education in the Chicagoland area. I believe this is something that D41 is behind in when compared to other districts in the area. This is something that may increase our enrollment, as other people may not want to locate to the Glen Ellyn area because of no option of full day Kindergarten. [view](#)
78. Full day Kindergarten is a must. A student in full day Kindergarten would receive an additional 90 days of school per year! With the PARCC assessment looming, it is irresponsible for D41 to not have full day Kindergarten. [view](#)
79. I would like my child to attend a traditional 1/2 day kindergarten. [view](#)
80. If the city of Chicago could implement this, then so can we. [view](#)
81. If full day kindergarten is offered, we need to make sure that our facilities and staff can actually handle those students all day, such as lunch facilities that are not overwhelming to a young child - with staffing to assist them with lunch, appropriate number of bathroom facilities. Staff to handle "bathroom accidents" and places for extra clothes storage, and enough facilities for physical education. There also needs to be separate supervised recess areas for these kids. [view](#)

82. I believe that at risk students could benefit from all day K if part of the program included going out of the school for experiences to build background (like trips to the zoo, grocery store, fire department, library, etc.) and some down time included. At risk students need extra time to process, not extra information. [view](#)
83. For the parents who want the day care aspect of kids being in K all day, a tuition program could accommodate them. I think it is critical that we have all day kindergarten. We will fall way behind neighboring districts. [view](#)
84. Full day kindergarten should not be required for all students. It is too long a day for many children at this age. It can have negative effects on those who are not ready. For those who are ready and need it, it can be beneficial. [view](#)
85. I believe we need full day kindergarten to meet the rigors of the common core standards. There simply is not enough time to cover dig deeply into the standards and teach all the necessary curriculum. I believe district 41 kindergartners would benefit from a full day. [view](#)
86. I don't believe that full day kindergarten will make a significant impact on whether my child gets a good job post college. The social and emotional impacts to putting Young children in a full day program should also be considered, as well as having an option. I feel that many people want all day kindergarten as a substitute for child care. I would prefer that an in-school 5 day enrichment program be offered for those families that want all day kindergarten. This way, families that don't want all day kindergarten aren't forced to, and those kids won't be at a disadvantage in first grade. Seems like a win win. Our little ones are only little for 6 years! Don't make them leave us a year earlier! Thank you! [view](#)
87. There was full-day kindergarten in Urbana, IL when I did my student teaching almost 20 years ago. With the push for 21st century learners and the rigor of the Common Core, there is definitely a need for full-day kindergarten. [view](#)
88. As a staff member, I see the need to implement full-day kindergarten, especially for our at-risk students. All surrounding school districts seem to have full-day K as an option, we should also provide it to our kids. [view](#)
89. Full day but not until 3:25 PM. I think until 2 or 2:30 PM would be sufficient. [view](#)
90. Studies on the long term benefit of full day kindergarten are inconclusive so why is there an interest in bringing it to Glen Ellyn? What exactly does the district hope to achieve by promoting it? For item 8, how can the district provide full day with no cost to families? What is the source of revenue that will support the full day program? The intentions are unclear, the costs to the community are unknown and the benefits are inconclusive. What are the real issues in our district? Those that come to mind include low standards (i.e. no homework), loss of gifted programs, moderate learners being ignored while slow learners get lots of resources, etc. Let's stop trying to be recognized for new exciting programs in our district and get back to raising the standards, expose children to the classics, teach American history and teach them the tools they need to be successful in middle and high school. [view](#)
91. I think that we are in a day and age where full day kindergarten has unfortunately become necessary for many reasons: one that more parents work full time; two that the demand of the curriculum are incredibly rigorous; and three that students needs are greater than ever before. [view](#)
92. Full Day Kindergarten should be available in District 41. It is offered in most of our surrounding communities with similar socioeconomic circumstances. I have taught full day Kindergarten in the past and I believe that a full day option is most beneficial for our students socially and academically. [view](#)
93. As a former kindergarten teacher, I think it is time GESD 41 made this move. We have continued to lose students to other schools for kindergarten over the past ten years, and it would only make our students stronger to begin their education within our walls. We have very high expectations for these children, starting with a full day of kindergarten will make it possible for our teachers to reach students and get them to the level we expect. [view](#)
94. The taxes are too high in glen ellyn so I would not support a referendum. [view](#)
95. Great idea!!! [view](#)
96. We have a current kindergartener and 3 year old twins who will attend Churchill elementary in two years. We feel very strongly that full-day kindergarten is very important. Half a day-- with all of the transition and transportation that is required, and understanding the high standards teachers must teach to... Half a day is not enough time, and puts pressure in students, families, and teachers. A full day for learning the same content will allow kids the time they need to absorb their learning, and allow for investigative play and open times for social interaction and creative play. I am a former k-12 teacher, now working in another sector, and have taught both half and full day kindergarten in Minnesota. I much preferred full day, and the kids made leaps and bounds in their learning. I feel very [view](#)

strongly about this.

97. Full-day kindergarten would greatly improve the educational performance for all students at District 41. In particular, full-day would increase test scores for dual language and ELL students, but should be available to all students at minimal to no cost. [view](#)
98. I have a kindergartener this year and one starting next year. I believe it is too much to ask of a 5 year old and they still need down time during the day. They also need an adjustment year before asking them to learn more than 5 plus hours a day. Right now, I feel my daughter enjoys kindergarten, but if the curriculum based learning were pushed to all day, then she may see kindergarten in a negative light. Keep the half days and let these little children ease into a full day when they are a year older. [view](#)
99. Our taxes are too high and the schools are over crowded. And stop offering free programs to low income people. i'm sick of subsizing everything for them while I can hardly make ends meet myself [view](#)
100. I was part of Full-day kindergarten and I do believe that is what helped me be ahead in first grade and on. Please take the time to consider this program for all children entering Kindergarten. Thank you [view](#)
101. Some kids go to preschool and others do not, having a full day kindergarten would allow all these children to get up to par for 1st grade and all the new core standards . Everything has been pushed a grade down and expectations are high for learning more earlier and earlier. It is needed to compete in 21st century learning. [view](#)
102. Education in U.S.is too easy compared to Asia. Full day kindergarten is the minimum thing to do to keep up with the rest of the world. [view](#)
103. This idea is awesome!!! [view](#)
104. Given the facilities issues that seem to hurt the District right now and in the immediate future (I don't think Phase 1 will help this issue enough) I think the district should lay out all its options from question 8. If it's possible to partially implement at each school - i.e. have one full day class and two half day classes - that could provide the best coverage on all the pressing issues.; SurveyAnswerTextNull; SurveyAnswerTextNull; SurveyAnswerTextNull [view](#)
105. I think there should be a full day and a half day option for children. All children are not the same and the needs are different. I do not think it should be at a cost since it seems like most schools either have the option of half or full or are full day. [view](#)
106. I strongly support full day kindergarten and I believe it will allow children time to have more play based learning and time to fit in all they need to learn to prepare for 1st grade and beyond. [view](#)
107. For children that may not have gone to preschool or have been away from their parents half day gets them used to school. Also 5 and 6 year olds don't just sit very long so I think having half days is just enough time for a little child and then they like school to which is good going into a harder grade and full day. [view](#)
108. Full day kindergarten is important for the academic success of students, specifically those students who are at-risk. BUT - much can be learned from play and opportunities for creative and imaginative activities. I would hope that "full day" kindergarten is not synonymous with all day "school." [view](#)
109. How about "scholarships" for identified families that need tuition help. Schools that don't use all their allotted scholarship can share with schools that need more funding for 'at-risk" families. Tuition based on gross income and number in household.; We moved here from another state with full day Kindergarten (half of the day was free with the other half, tuition based). We loved it! You had the option to only attend half day if you like, but most families stayed all day. The students also switched Kindergarten rooms for guided reading groups. They would also rotate for social studies as each teacher would prepare one lesson and then teach it to each class. I was very disappointed to move here and learn that we only have a half day option. I feel like for all the advancements you are making. The district is really behind on this one. [view](#)
110. With the demands of Common Core, it is important to have the time to adequately cover the kindergarten standards. That cannot be done thoroughly with time for enrichment / remediation in a half-day program. [view](#)
111. We have a first grader who had half day kindergarten. It felt like the way to keep him up was to give him homework that he would not have had if he was in full day. I would rather the children do the work at school while they are refreshed and have homework time more suited for their age. As a tax payer I do not feel like we should pay additional tuition for public school. [view](#)

As a household with twin 4 yr olds and two working parents in Glen Ellyn, full day kindergarten is a

112. must for us. We would expect that Glen Ellyn like a majority of schools throughout IL would provide full day kindergarten for its youth as all homes do not have the ability to have one parent stay home to take care of the children if they were only in school for a few hours a day. This will also help prepare the children for a longer school day from their current situation. We recently moved here because of the great schools and are very disappointed that full day kindergarten is not an option especially for the higher than normal taxes you pay to live in Glen Ellyn. [view](#)
113. I only think it is beneficial if all children attend full - day Kindergarten. Otherwise it is just an alternative to day care, which is fine for the district to offer, however, it won't improve the educational experience. [view](#)
114. Hello,
Our daughter will be attending Kindergarten at Church Hill in the Fall, my Husband and I strongly agree for the full-day kindergarten. Right now, Estella (our daughter) is in Pre-K from 9:00 to 11:15 five days a week. She has easily adjusted to those hours as a 4 year old, so next year she will be ready for full-day learning. We hope to see this happen for our children and their future..
Thank You,
[REDACTED] [view](#)
115. We need to narrow the gap for learning and to do this, kindergarten and first grade need more resources and help to get these students at grade level. Instead of spending money on PBL's at these grade levels, why not put more money into giving aids where it's needed. I can see PBL's at 3-5th grade, but at the primary grades, the focus should not be taken away from learning to read. With our minutes depleted in reading, it is needed more now than ever to narrow this educational gap. Please reconsider PBL's at this grade level. Precious time is being taken away from teaching our students to read.
All day kindergarten will help, but the extra support needs to continue in all of the primary grades. [view](#)
116. I think it might be helpful to have the option to go full day but still have option to go half. Some kids may not be physically ready for full day. But some kids, maybe the third child, who's use to keeping up with the older siblings, might be ready for full day. [view](#)
117. I currently have two children in kindergarten at Churchill as we enrolled them we were wishing it was a full day kindergarten. We know of other districts that currently offer full day kindergarten and were considering going out of district or private school. But since our older child has been attending Churchill since kindergarten we thought it would be right to enroll our other two children there. We really enjoy the Churchill community and family like setting. [view](#)
118. The studies overwhelming support that Early Learning between ages birth to 5 is critical for the positive and full development of our children, preventing them perpetuating developmental delays that might lead to longer term issues cognitively, behaviorally and emotionally. Please refer to Research studies by Beckman that conclusively confirm that for every dollar spent on Early Education we save multiples of those dollars on later resources to support delays in education and we prevent incarcerations and criminal patterns. Our kids in Dist 41 are already behind according to the numbers, this will continue without early intervention. Du Page County through Easter Seals and coalitions of private and non profit agencies are spending and focusing on the birth to 5 years...School districts need to do their part with Full day kindergarten. We need to provide for these kids and at a minimum at least for the At risk kids. [view](#)
119. It is one of the most important things that we as a district could do to improve the education program for all students!!! [view](#)
120. many many surrounding communities have switched to full day kindergarten. Though space is an issue, I think there's always a way to make it happen. Especially in a wealthy community where taxes are so high. [view](#)
121. Full day kindergarten may be beneficial for kids where they don't receive many other growth/learning opportunities from their home situation. I suspect that this isn't the case for the majority of kids in D41. Thus full day kindergarten should be an option. Currently there are other full day options available such as COD. [view](#)
122. This is long overdue. Most high achieving districts have full-day kindergarten. Not offering this in SD41, puts all of our children behind.; SurveyAnswerTextNull [view](#)
123. Currently, the only way a student can attend a full day program in this area is to either attend a day care or a combination of the park district enrichment program and the half day class at D41. The educational landscape has changed dramatically in the past decade. First graders are expected to do much more than they ever did before. By having a full day Kindergarten program, the children would get a head start on their elementary school experience. A full day program for children with special needs or at-risk students would provide the necessary organized and stabilized daily routine that these children so desperately need. [view](#)
- While I wouldn't have thought I would be in favor of full-day kindergarten, after having one child go

- through half-day, I now feel it is necessary. Kindergarten was a terrible experience for us due to so much being crammed into such a short day. There was no time for anything non-academic. First grade was much better balanced. I just don't think it's fair to our students to have to meet common core guidelines in a half day.
124. [view](#)
- If full day for all at no cost isn't feasible in the short term, I would be in favor for at risk and/or a tuition based program. Especially if there was an option to opt in during 2nd semester. I wouldn't have expected my daughter to need it but a month in I would have realized she needed it and requested 2nd semester.
125. I work in Wheaton district 200 and we have both options at our school. There are 25 students in our all day kindergarten and 12 and 11 in our half day programs. It is cheaper than day care so parents will pay for it. I believe at risk students are not required to pay tuition. Good teachers make use of all the time and it is time an money well spent! [view](#)
126. I have a child that would be in kindergarten at forest Glen in less than 2 years. Children need a mix of free play and academics to truly "learn". Full day kindergarten allows that. I am happy to pay for it. [view](#)
127. Glen Ellyn should be more aware of nation and international studies on education. My current k is currently enrolled in a supplemental enrichment program and is (without a doubt) learning much more outside the mere basics touched on in 1/2 day. I worry about kids without extra parental coaching or enrichment help. Additionally, time for recreation, socialization and the arts or language would finally make dist 41 Kindergarten a place parents feel better about sending their little ones. [view](#)
128. Full-day K needs to include uninterrupted free play for children. Young children learn through play!! [view](#)
129. As the parent of a current Kindergartner and a two year old - soon to be kindergartener - I love that they have time to play, read, go to the Arboretum and parks on the half day that they are not in school, take classes, have friends over - they are learning, but with a little downtime to the day. So glad that just half day kindergarten is offered - we are opposed to all day as they are so young and the day so structured for sitting for most of it. I am not in favor of all day kindergarten and would like it to remain the same for my other children. [view](#)
130. The children are atill too young to attend school full days. They will not absorb what they learned because their attention span is not that long. They need to have time to be creative and play. [view](#)
131. My youngest child is currently in kindergarten in D41. I strongly believe in full day kindergarten. The teachers and children are being rushed to implement an increasingly challenging curriculum. It has already changed greatly since my other child was in kindergarten (in D41) 3 years ago. In addition, many Chicago suburbs are already full day...it feels like we are falling behind. [view](#)
- Children do best with play-based learning through first grade age.
http://www.cmec.ca/Publications/lists/publications/attachments/282/play-based-learning_statement_EN.pdf
132. I am the parent of a kindergartener in District 41. With such a short day, the teachers are required to put all their emphasis on rigorous academics and there is no time to let the kids burn off their wiggle worm energy and play. A longer day would enable more academics, but in a way that could foster and nurture a play based environment instead of cramming everything in from 8:50 to 11:35. My son is already stressed from school work in kindergarten, which is crazy to me. Further, Glen Ellyn should be leading the way in terms of educational development. My home state of Michigan has mandatory all day kindergarten. [view](#)
133. I would also support a full day program for part of the week, say M-W with R-F a half day. I realize this would create quite a scheduling nightmare, but I also believe that the kids are still so little and a full day might be a lot for them all week. Currently my daughter is enrolled in a M-R program for 2.5 hours a day. By Thursday she is a bit tired, but she also has activities in the morning. [view](#)
134. Most people in GE already send their kids to some kind of enrichment program. It would be good to do at one school. [view](#)
135. Please bring full-day kindergarten to our district!!! [view](#)
136. Having our at risk daughter be part of early childhood program has been great. She has meet her goals and more structure and classroom participation will only help her grow as a d41 student. [view](#)
137. I find it sad and disappointing that so much of our property taxes are allotted to schools and we are virtually the last district in the state and country that doesn't have a full day option. This is a huge mistake made by a school board that seems to think they are doing a great job... [view](#)

138. The research supports the advantage of full day programs. Lesser districts have it and so should Glen Ellyn. [view](#)
139. All kids need to have access to full day kindergarten. The current 1hr & 45 min we currently have is not sufficient. Yes, I realize that they are at school 2 hrs 45 min. When you factor in getting in the building, getting situated and the end of the day doing the same thing, it's really only an hour & 45 min. Yes we would have paid tuition for full day. It still needs to be available for everyone, or at least an option for everyone. Academics that are covered in Kindergarten are more intense than they used to be and Glen Ellyn needs to be competitive with surrounding suburbs who have offered it for years. [view](#)
140. I believe that kindergarten should be all day for most; differentiation at Lincoln would need to improve I order to make me consider it for my 2nd child as it was not a good experience for my first child. [view](#)
141. I think readiness for full day would greatly depend on the child. My oldest would absolutely be ready for full day by kindergarten , but I do not think my second child would handle it well and I would strongly consider holding him back if there was not an option for 1/2 day. [view](#)
142. It is important for our children's education and our schools to implement all day kindergarten. [view](#)
143. We have three little ones coming through the system, beginning next year. I think full day kindergarten would be wonderful, as I am a teacher and see the benefits. My only fear is that the teachers would be giving children time for both academics and building on social emotional learning/play. [view](#)
144. I only support full day kindergarten if that day included more open play, recess, lunch, etc. I would not support or be interested in a kindergarten with additional classroom curriculum. I feel that childhood is too short as it is and I would like to preserve it. [view](#)
145. How do you plan to pay for this? It sounds like there are budget cuts in store for the district? I don't have confidence that the district will roll this out successfully. It seems as if you have lots of balls in the air and not really doing well at any of them. Do you have space for this? [view](#)
146. Children are ready for a full day now a days. A district that still has 1/2 day kindergarten is pedaling backwards in this day of common core curriculum. The time has come for a full day. [view](#)
147. I support tuition with reservations. First, I'd want to know what the tuition is. Other school districts are able to accommodate full day kindergarten without tuition. Second, I would only agree to subsidize the increase from half-day to full-day only. I'm not paying tuition for a half-day. [view](#)
148. In this highly educated community, children are well prepared academically when entering kindergarten. The cost to tax payers is unnecessary, however, I would support a full day for at risk students, bringing them up the level of the majority of students entering kindergarten. This community is always ready to push students ahead of levels they are expected to meet, putting the responsibility of educating students at high levels on District 87, and putting an enormous gap in student abilities within a classroom. [view](#)
149. Taxes too high. Other priorities in education too great. This is nothing more than a baby sitting program for wealthy working moms that dominate conversations like this. They can pay for their own daycare. [view](#)
150. Full day kindergarten is essential for our kids. What are they learning in 2-1/2 hours now? With Common Core, our kindergartners need to be prepared. [view](#)
151. I suppose for some children, full day kindergarten could be good, but for my children that would not be an option. [view](#)
152. A few years ago when our oldest was in Kindergarten I was disappointed in the lack of socialization time that these young, still socially developing children were allowed. After speaking to teachers the feedback was that given the rigor of the curriculum and only having a half day there really was no room for balance in order to get everything accomplished. In talking to many parents in surrounding communities that have all day Kindergarten it seems to provide a much better balance and set the stage for future success in these young learners.; SurveyAnswerTextNull [view](#)
153. Have you considered a two thirds day kindergarten? I would prpbably be more likely to back it if you would add playtime to the curriculum . Social skills seem to be over looked in the packed kindergarten day. An experienced teacher would go a long way in making the all day program a success. [view](#)
154. As a working parent of children who went to full day private preschool, to send them to 1/2 day kindergarten made absolutely no sense. I chose to enroll into private full day kindergarten. I think if you implemented a reduced tuition for full-day, you would see a huge number of people who would pay as many are paying 1/2 day day-care. I also think looking at areas offering full day to see how they are implementing. Get the numbers of the area programs offering enrichment (park district, YMCA, daycares). These would reflect those who would jump at the chance for full-day kindergarten. My children are beyond kindergarten now. So your changes would not affect me anymore, but they would [view](#)

have a year ago. Thank you.

155. Maybe consider keeping the usual half-day kindergarten, then offering the second half of the day to those who want full-day kindergarten (with additional fees or costs). The second half of the day would be targeted learning time, some kind of introduction to STEAM-related subjects, or a combination of both. [view](#)
156. Full day kindergarten is very important. However- it needs to be implemented properly. Classrooms need to be built, and budgets for kindergarten teachers, specials teachers, and specialists need to increase. Special education needs also need to be met! [view](#)
157. I think this is a wonderful idea. It supports learning for all kids, and provides a safe place for at-risk children. I think the positive educational and social benefits are well worth the cost, even if parents need to supplement with (low) tuition. I say low, because our property taxes are already astronomical. However, I'd rather pay the tuition one year while my child attends than over the course of all the years I live in Glen Ellyn. (Of course, ideally District 41 would make this happen without a property tax increase or additional tuition fees....one can dream, right?? :)) [view](#)
158. I strongly feel that GE needs all day Kindergarten. All of our neighboring towns have it, Lombard, Wheaton, Naperville and kids are exceling at a faster speed than us. I personally taught all day Kindergarten before I had children and there is so much more time in the day to get academics in as well as social times 5 year old needs. Please make it for next year!!! [view](#)
159. I would not support all-day kindergarten if it will cost tax-payers more money and/or if it (space in particular) was not anticipated or planned for as part of the recent \$15+ million dollar additions to all four D41 elementary schools. [view](#)
- I would appreciate seeing any stats that are available regarding success of full day kdgt in other areas.
160. on another note, I also believe the current school day should be lengthened for 1-5 grades...there simply isn't enough time in the day to cover all the material. Thank you for reaching out to gather opinions, much appreciated. [view](#)
161. I support full day kindergarten. [view](#)
- I object to all day Kindergarten unless:
ALL portables have been removed including those remaining at Lincoln & Churchill.
The birthdate to begin Kindergarten is moved to April 1, instead of September 1. No exceptions.
162. Additionally a thorough screening be done by every child entering Kindergarten and if a child is deemed not ready, even with an earlier birthdate, that child be recommended another year of pre-school that the district provides. I encourage this with or without all day Kindergarten. School has gotten too difficult for these children. Too much teaching for the test. Thank you. [view](#)
163. We need to help our children become as educated as possible and the learning is starting sooner than ever before. We need to stay on trend and full day Kindergarten IS and needs to be the norm. I have a 1st grader now and a 17 month old. I now can see how important full day Kindergarten really is. A 2.5 hour day for Kindergarten isn't enough and that age is SO ready to absorb learning and they soak up new information. Let's all take advantage of that time. We need it. [view](#)
164. Given the building shortage, and the possible budget cuts (the senate bill that would redistribute State funds), I think a step in the right direction would be to implement it with Tuition as quickly as possible - BUT following resolution of the building shortage. [view](#)
164. Perhaps D41 should do a study of the success of Wheaton's tuition kindergarten system. I do agree that full day kindergarten should be a very high priority for D41, but even higher is resolving the current space shortage. If full day kindergarten means that we need to continue using portables, then I think that is unacceptable.
165. I believe virtually all D41 students are well prepared for learning without full day kindergarten. [view](#)
166. I do not want our School District to be in the taxpayer funded daycare business. Find another location, besides the schools, to provide at risk instruction at full tuition or scholarship. [view](#)
167. I am the grandparent of two children in D41 who are presently enrolled in full-day preschool. Our family thinks this is good for children. I want to see dual-language immersion at the earliest possible age, taking advantage of the opportunity for our young children to speak at least Spanish and English with each other and their caring adults. [view](#)
168. Great idea, kids in daycare won't notice the difference :) So long as the district can fig out how to keep learning through play and give enough recess time, I'm all for this idea. [view](#)

This seems to be on Gordon's wish list but not the community (AKA the one's who will have to pay for

169. it). I've not spoken to one person who says we NEED this. Please for the love of God, let's not spend even more money on consultants and proposals and various marketing materials trying to convince us that we are wrong and he is right. Let's focus on the very real problems we already have. Gordon is trying to bite off more than he can chew. [view](#)
170. At the age of five years old, children rage in maturity. FDK may be appropriate for some, but not all at that age. Also, parents should have the opportunity to choose the type of enrichment for their child. My children still needed naps or down time at that age. [view](#)
171. The District has not regained the trust of many in the community. Any new "programmatic" initiatives are tainted by the broken trust. District 41 residents have little to trust with the district - always controversy -- Board matters, Think Tank, attempted Wheaton College land grab, Phase In, mega school, year round school and the list goes on over a short period of time. Enough already. [view](#)
172. I believe in full day kindergarten if it adds back the play-based learning and "fun" aspects of school desperately missing from the current program. But, after seeing how exhausted my children were after their first weeks of 1st grade, I am concerned about the ability of my 5 year old to adjust to the length of the day. Frequent breaks will be key - I want to see a typical schedule before agreeing to enroll him. And I do not want to see my taxes increased - I believe the board should find ways to cut spending if they want to achieve all-day kindergarten. [view](#)
173. Not sure where we will house Kindergarten students during the lunch hour. The lunch room is very crowded. [view](#)
174. In order for students to achieve the Common Core goals to be college or career ready, they clearly need more instructional time during the early years. Full day kindergarten provides this. [view](#)
175. I completely support full-day Kindergarten as children typically go through 1 or 2 years of half day pre-school, preparing them with both the skills and mentally to perform well in a full-day program. Most of these children will turn 6 in the kindergarten school year and should easily be able to handle a full-day program. Also, it keeps schedules for all school-age children the same. [view](#)
- On a further note - 9:00 a.m. is a ridiculously late start to the school day, for both parents and children.
176. As an educator, a parent, and a taxpayer, I feel very strongly that full day kindergarten can push many children beyond their capable limits. They still need time to be structure-free and get used to being in school every day. Many are young enough to still need more one on one learning time with caregivers. [view](#)
177. Kindergarten students will learn more if it is in full time period.; I strongly agree that full-day of school will help the students to learn more esp. in reading and math. I have kids attended full time kindergarten and they are excel and their academic and they having all A's in their grades, remember they are the future of this country, let's support our young one's to excel in every possible way, not only in academic but most imp. to know our Lord Jesus who died in the cross for our sin. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whoever believed in Him have everlasting life" John 3:16 [view](#)
178. Both of my daughters attended half day kindergartens and would have benefited greatly with full day. Kids used to day care are ready for full day of learning. When you condense the day, they loose out on much of the learning and relationships that come from having a full day which includes lunch, gym, and recess. Academic, social, and life lessons need time to be taught and a half day is insufficient. [view](#)
179. I do not believe there is much to benefit by having children in full day kindergarten. From my experience, most 5 year-old children can only focus for short periods of time and it is too much to expect them to gain much more than what a half-day of public education can achieve. Additionally, when my children were that age they often required an hour nap during the day. A full day would be expensive and provide only a little more learning than the half-day does already. [view](#)
180. They're 5, all day school would be next to impossible to keep their attention. When you say "no cost" you are untruthful, as NOTHING is free. Enough already!!! [view](#)
181. The District needs to eliminate portables at ALL schools before embarking on another program that requires a large financial commitment. [view](#)
182. I taught kindergarten before I had my kids. I have no idea in two hours how they are learning enough. Kindergarten is not just play time anymore. First grade is tough and I think there is so much prep to be done in Kindergarten for them to be ready for First grade. [view](#)
183. Hoping for full day kindergarten as soon as possible! Other D41 moms I have spoken share the same sentiment. Thanks for your focus on this! [view](#)
184. The big drawback is space. We have space issues now with half day kindergarten. What are the [view](#)

proposed solutions around handling the additional classrooms needed?

185. An option is to have 2 full time days, 2 half days, and all have a half day Fridays. Student A could have a full day Monday and Wednesday, a half day Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. Student B could have a full day Tuesday and Thursday, a half day Monday, Wednesday and Friday. I believe this could make most parents happy as it is a compromise between full and half days. If implemented district wide and mandatory, then no tuition should be charged. [view](#)
186. I believe a full-day kindergarten program will help the youngest students build a strong foundation for the rest of their learning. What is expected of students has changed, I really think the extra time in class would be a MAJOR benefit for most kindergartners!! [view](#)
187. Dist 96 offers a Kite program for kids at risk. The k day runs from 8:30-11:30 then students identified needing additional help go from 12:30-3:05 at one of the elementary schools. Full day k really helps because morning is learning afternoon social skills. It's great for kids. [view](#)
188. I believe that a full day for kindergarten students is important. They can handle the full day at this age. Other surrounding communities have full day and I feel that the kids are benefiting tremendously from that (example-Lombard). I think we are one of the few communities that still has 1/2 day kindergarten. It's time to make a change! [view](#)
189. If implemented, I would like to see this as an option for families, not a requirement. [view](#)
190. Full day is offered by so many places. The poor city schools in Chicago for one. We were shocked that it was not included here and half day is simply not enough. Illinois is way behind in this issue and the US in general is falling way behind the world. The kids need more school time not less! Please start full day for the two kids I have left to attends holo and less SIP days would certainly help all the two income working households that are more common than not anymore (even in GE). A business would research and understand its customers in this scenario. [view](#)
191. I believe the current kindergarten curriculum is not meeting the needs as compared to the changes made in the higher grades. I fully support full day kindergarten. As well, many children are entering kindergarten after having preschool and are meeting the expectations for kindergarten, by having full day this would give more opportunity to break into groups. [view](#)
192. It seems to me that it would help some students that are ready for it, but other students might do better in a less structured learning environment for half the day. Possibly a formal 1/2 day and a more open physical learning program (doing not memorizing) would help to make Positive First Impression for the child. [view](#)
193. I think that more and more families are choosing full day and therefore going outside D41 for that first year of school. I don't think D41 really has a choice- you need to do this. [view](#)
194. My children will be enrolling in District 41 for grades 4 and 5 during the 2015-2016 school year. That being said, I think it is important for the community to support full day kindergarten for all of our students, as a part of the regular programing and curriculum. Early education is supported by strong research and benefits all. [view](#)
195. Full day Kindergarten is essential with the implementation of the CCSS. There is simply too much for children to master for D41 to continue with a half day. Even better would be full day Dual Language! [view](#)
196. In this economy the district should be looking for ways to cut expenses NOT add to them by offering non mandated programs. While that may be a nice social service gesture the district is not a social service organization. The district must realize that they represent a large cross section of constituents the smallest of which is parents of kindergartners. [view](#)
197. I feel that full day tuition free kindergarten is offered in many other school districts and if Dist 41 wants to remain competitive, we should offer the same. My daughter was able to benefit from the tuition based pre-K at Forest Glen. I think that opportunity provided a good transition into the district and school. I also believe a transition like that would blend well with a full day kindergarten. [view](#)
198. Many surrounding communities have already gone to full day and have had great success. Children with fall birthdays will be 7 yrs old before they are in a classroom all day when they start first grade!!; Our education system has suffered and this will in my opinion doing only do good to our children and future leaders. I fully support full day kindergarten. My vote is a YES! [view](#)
199. I think that this is the Administration way of trying again to go to the community and say we need to build a new school, which would require a referendum. What was it 2 years ago we needed a new junior high and thinking about land in wheaton. If the district wants to implement flu-day kindergarten work with the current space we have and stop saying we need to build a new school. [view](#)
200. Full-day kindergarten is woefully needed and would put District 41 on par with children from most other [view](#)

- states.
201. There is data that links over-structuring young childrens' time to lesser ability in the areas of creativity and resourcefulness. Children whose environment does not lend itself to rich experience would benefit more. [view](#)
202. I am just not sure that there is a need/value for full day kindergarten. More work needs to be done - with a comprehensive plan - including future enrollment needs. [view](#)
203. I believe D41 should solve the problem of outdoor portable units before considering a costly program of full-day kindergarten. Students should be taught inside secure and safe school buildings. Thank you. [view](#)
204. We just moved to this district in August due to job relocation. We have 3 children, and our youngest is in kindergarten. We were very disappointed to learn that this district only offers 1/2 day kindergarten. Our 2 older children attended full day kindergarten at their previous schools. From what I've seen so far, I am convinced there is no way our youngest child will be as prepared for 1st grade as the 2 older children were. [view](#)
205. I don't believe that 5 years old child is ready to be at school the whole day. thank you [view](#)
206. Ideally we could offer kindergarten for all students. With money and space constraints I think at-risk students combined with tuition students should receive it first. I think a pre-k/ kindergarten building should be considered. I'm a Forest Glen parent who's 3 kids have spent a combined 6 years learning in portables. I HATE them! The preschool and special needs classrooms have taken over 1/2 our learning spaces. A separate space for these youngest students would ease car line and playground issues for the bigger kids. [view](#)
207. Full day kindergarten should be implemented within the budget, and without increased fees or tuition. [view](#)
208. Just say no to full time K [view](#)
209. Minimal tuition to all, but enough to support the staff for a full day and what would go into that cost as well. [view](#)
210. The children that all day kindergarten would benefit are not the families that will be paying the bills and unfortunately I do not think our community will support paying for this option since the statistics don't actually show a benefit past 3rd grade for the majority of the students. We need to get the preschoolers out of the elementary school...the park district has 2 facilities(Spring and Main St) that they need to repurpose or add to the already existing services they provide to make better use of their facilities this will improve the environments for all. Try to work within our community and make use of existing infrastructure. [view](#)
211. I would strongly support full day kindergarten. Kids are ready at that age. [view](#)
212. I do not believe that all kindergarten age children are ready for or would benefit from full day kindergarten. My current kindergartner enjoys half day kindergarten but I believe would be too tired to fully participate in full day. He still comes home from school and naps occasionally. My younger children may be ready for full day when it comes times to start kindergarten especially because one of them has a fall birthday but I would like to wait and see what I believe is best for them at the time. [view](#)
213. parents are already choosing alternatives: daycare, Diamante, YMCA, etc. for their kindergartners - parents are already accustomed to paying something. the district should absolutely offer full-day kindergarten, should absorb what it can from a cost perspective to supply full-day kindergarten to the community, and charge the difference in full-day kindergartner enrollment fees. thx for considering this important topic. [view](#)
214. D41 made changes to keep up with 21st century learning without full support from the community. Full day kindergarten is 21st century teaching. We are one of the last districts to offer it. With all the taxes we pay in GE that go towards our education, we should be offering full day kindergarten. [view](#)
215. Kindergarten instruction makes a huge difference for all children. Full day would help all children be more prepared for the challenges of first grade. [view](#)
216. I am a parent of three children that went to Kindergarten at Forest Glen. For middle class parents who have two parents working, the types of curriculum based Day Cares are limited in the area. If a child does not yet meet the criteria of being up to par in Kindergarten, there is little time for learning with 1/2 day hours. The support for curriculum based learning the other 1/2 of the day does not exist and your child is considered not ready for Kindergarten or labeled as "behind". I am obviously speaking from experience and would encourage more time for children to be taught and given the chance to learn. [view](#)
217. I believe it is important for student to start school as early as possible. Being expose to early education prepares students. On the other hand, this is also help working parents. [view](#)

218. Our family had a great experience; previously lived in a district where full-day KG was an option. An entire school building was used just for full day KGers - busses from the other district "home" schools would pick up/drop off so there was no rush to get to 2 different schools for the same start/end time. [view](#)
219. I think that most children are not ready for a full day program at age 5. I hope at the very least, if a full day program is implemented, it is optional. [view](#)
220. This is extremely important to our family, with two working parents. We were disappointed to learn that Glen Ellyn, with the extremely high property taxes, do not offer full day kindergarten. Please implement this full day kindergarten program immediately!! [view](#)
221. I support a full day kindergarten and believe it closes the achievement gap. However, my support is conditioned upon the schedule/curriculum. My daughter currently attends an enrichment program two afternoons (after a.m. kindergarten) which is far more stimulating AND fun. She tells us that her kindergarten teachers spend so much time trying to "control" students and manage the class, there is rarely interaction or real teaching. In the current half day format, there is far too little teaching time to have real impact on our children. While full day kindergarten would require additional teachers, aides and physical space, if we are serious about education it needs to be seriously considered. I would welcome the opportunity to self-fund this program from identifying waste in the existing budget. [view](#)
222. It is such an important way to get these children prepared for grade school - please add full day as an option! [view](#)

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