

Full-Day Kindergarten



Board of Education Meeting
Presentation
Monday, November 10, 2014

Overview

Offering full-day kindergarten to all of our families directly supports the District 41 Long-Range Plan, Goal 1:

Student Learning and Achievement in the 21st Century

“In the early grades, the focus will be on providing a strong foundation in reading and math; as students progress through the grades there will be more emphasis on higher order and innovative thinking skills.”

Why full-day kindergarten?

Full-day kindergarten helps ensure that students build the strong base of learning they will need to succeed throughout school and life. Full-day kindergarten programs offer:

- Social, emotional and academic benefits for kindergarteners.
- More time to meet the increased demands of the common core standards in math and reading.
- More time to focus and reflect on activities, and transition between them.
- More time to address the next generation science standards.

Who else is doing full day K?

The majority of the districts that feed into the Glenbard District 87 schools offer full-day kindergarten:

- District 93 (Carol Stream)
- District 44 (Lombard)
- District 16 (Queen Bee)
- District 89 (Glen Ellyn) expects to offer it for the 2015/2016 school year, pending BOE approval

*District 15 (Marquardt) does not offer full-day kindergarten.

Process Timeline

- In 2012, Think Tank made a recommendation to the Board of Education and District Administration to institute full-day kindergarten.
- In 2013, both Team 21 and the Continuous Improvement Team reaffirmed this recommendation.

Process, cont.

- On January 22, 2014, the administration submitted a Long-Range Facilities Plan to the Board.
- At a special meeting of the Board on October 6, 2014, administration presented a facilities update and information about full-day kindergarten.
- Survey was created and administered to the community specific to full-day kindergarten.

Survey Results

On October 7, 2014 through October 20, 2014 District 41 administered a survey to the community specifically about full-day kindergarten.

- 642 respondents
- 446 or 69 percent “believe District 41 should implement full-day kindergarten.”
- Of the 222 “comments,” 162 support full-day kindergarten, 35 against, and 25 undecided.

Who responded to the survey?

- 374 - Parent of a future kindergartener in D41
- 373 – Parent or guardian of a child currently enrolled in D41
- 128 – Community member with no children currently enrolled in D41
- 156 – District 41 staff members

How did they respond?

- 374 – Parent of a future kindergartener who will attend District 41
 - 78 percent - Strongly agree
 - 12 percent - Somewhat agree
 - 14 percent - Do not agree
 - 2 percent - Do not know
- 373 – Parent or guardian of a child currently enrolled in District 41
 - 65 percent - Strongly agree
 - 17 percent - Somewhat agree
 - 20 percent - Do not agree
 - 3 percent - Do not know
- 128 – Community member with no children currently enrolled in District 41
 - 72 percent - Strongly agree
 - 11 percent - Somewhat agree
 - 19 percent - Do not agree
 - 1 percent - Do not know
- 156 – District 41 staff member
 - 68 percent - Strongly agree
 - 26 percent - Somewhat agree
 - 5 percent - Do not agree
 - 1 percent - Do not know

Recommendation to the Board of Education

Administration will ask the Board for authorization to engage FGM Architects to explore space options to support full-day kindergarten for all families in District 41.

Next Steps

If the Board supports full-day kindergarten for all families, administration will:

- Work with FGM to create a plan for space to support full-day kindergarten
- Engage the community
- Present options to the Board for full-day kindergarten implementation

Space at Our Schools

Abraham Lincoln School

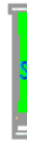
Ben Franklin School

Churchill School

Forest Glen School

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