Kindergarten proposed for 4-year-olds this fall

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Kindergarten programs for 4-year-olds this fall are an idea that has been mulled for some time, such as the current school year at five elementary schools. The school board is discussing the proposal of a full day kindergarten, with plans to meet Tuesday night at Monona Terrace. The proposal must be approved by the board before the state will fund the kindergarten.

"The benefits of starting young are numerous," school officials said. "It allows for "educationally disadvantaged" 4-year-olds in half-day kindergarten classes at Lew- eld, Mendez, Minne, and Mid- dall. But not all students would need a full day kindergarten. The various proposals include:

- 4-year-olds in half-day kindergarten classes at Lewel, Mendez, Minne, and Middleton.
- Full-day kindergarten classes at Lewel, Mendez, Minne, and Mid-dall.
- Full-day kindergarten classes at all five schools.

The school board is expected to make a decision on the proposals next Tuesday. The decision will be based on the most beneficial option for the students.