



# **Kindergarten Implementation**

## **February 21, 2017**

*The Winnetka Public Schools community empowers every student to flourish in an innovative, experiential environment. We support and challenge all learners to actively engage in continual growth and achievement to make a meaningful difference in the world.*

# Goals

- ❑ Align with EBP Phase I Recommendation (all Kindergarteners attend GR & HW in fall 2017)
- ❑ Gain Board approval of Crow Island student placement process and special intra-district transfer policy
- ❑ Inform School Board of implementation plans

# Kindergarten School Assignments

## How are Kindergarteners assigned to a School?

- ◆ Crow Island → Based on geographic proximity, school capacities, and class size consideration
- ◆ Greeley & Hubbard Woods → Current attendance area

## How can a family request a change of School assignment?

- ◆ Current policy – annual approval
- ◆ Draft special policy –duration of elementary schooling (priority)
- ◆ Requests received by April 15 for April 25, 2017 review and potential approval



# Kindergarten Class Assignments



Students thoughtfully placed in classes together

- ◆ Promotes community and unifies Kindergarten experience
- ◆ Allows for greater control of equitable class sizes

Teachers & Communication

- ◆ Current D36 Teachers stepping into the 7 positions (will add more sections if registration is re-verified)
- ◆ Class assignments sent in mid-August

# Kindergarten Day

## Student Day

- ◆ 8:45 a.m. start (supervision at 8:20 am)
- ◆ 11:25 – 12:35 p.m. lunch
- ◆ 2:10 p.m. dismissal
- ◆ 2:10 – 3:15 p.m. Extended Play Program (optional/fee-based)



## Transportation

- ◆ Crow Island – free bus service from home or Crow Island School
- ◆ Mid-day 2:10 p.m. & 3:15 p.m. routes available
- ◆ Routes confirmed in August
- ◆ Preferred walking and vehicular routes vetted by Police and Village officials

# Kindergarten Classroom

## Classroom Environments

- ◆ Classes will be fully furnished with developmentally-appropriate furnishings and materials
- ◆ As typical, décor and furnishing updated over summer

## Playgrounds

- ◆ Planned remodel over the summer at Greeley and Hubbard Woods (replace vintage equipment)



# Communication & Transition

- Feb 22-24: E-mail & mail information to Kindergarten families
- March 6: Deadline for confirming Kindergarten attendance
- March 15: Welcome Session at Greeley and Hubbard Woods
- April 27: Alliance for Early Childhood *Transition to Kindergarten*
- May 22: Open House at Greeley and Hubbard Woods with children