



A Community of Learners

Information Memo: Kindergarten Program 2018-2019

TO: School Board

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Background

The Extended Kindergarten program launched in August. Initial feedback from parents, staff and students has been very positive. Some School Board members have had an opportunity to visit the kindergarten classrooms, observing the teaching and learning in action. We are eager to continue monitoring the program to ensure our student experience reaches the high-expectations of a world-class, progressive kindergarten program.

Update & Recommendation

The short-term Enrollment Balancing plan was to serve all kindergarteners at Greeley and Hubbard Woods for one to two years. This decision was made in January 2017, prior to the selection of DLR Group to co-facilitate our Educational Master Facility Plan (EMFP). The *Future Ready D36* initiative is now in full swing, with a timeline that anticipates a June 2018 School Board adoption of a long-term EMFP. With the known timing of this decision, administration (with the support of the *Future Ready D36 Core Team*) recommends that the 2018-2019 Kindergarten program remain at Hubbard Woods and Greeley Schools.

If the Board agrees with this recommendation, the District will begin communicating with incoming kindergarten families to ensure there is clarity regarding the program location. In addition, highlights of next steps include:

2018-2019 Kindergarten Families

- December 1 - Host a single-site Kindergarten registration process, per the recommendation of the PTO Kindergarten committee. This open house registration event will include information on *Future Ready D36* to ensure incoming families have key information and invitation for involvement.

- February 27 - Approve Kindergarten attendance boundaries for Greeley and Hubbard Woods Schools for pre-registered Kindergarteners. The District will make every effort to remain as consistent as possible with the current geographic placement of Crow Island attendance area families assigned to either Hubbard Woods or Greeley Schools for the program. Placement is dependent on school capacity.
- March 1 - Inform 2018-2019 Kindergarteners of assigned school, sharing Board Policy 7:32 Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer options for transfer requests (priority deadline is April 15).
- April 24 - Approve or deny requests for intradistrict transfers at School Board meeting.
- April 26 - Notify families of Board approval or denial of transfer requests.

2017-2018 Kindergarten Families

- November 6 - Launch communication that clarifies *Board Policy 7:32 Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer*, allowing Kindergarten families to remain at current school (priority deadline is January 16).
- Up to January 16 - Accept current 2017-2018 kindergarten families requests to remain at Greeley or Hubbard Woods schools for the duration of the student's elementary experience (including kindergarten).
- January 23 - Approve or deny requests for intradistrict transfers at School Board meeting.
- January 25 - Notify families of Board approval or denial of transfer requests.
- Spring - Transition activities for students returning to Crow Island School

Attachments:

Board Policy 7:32 Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer