



A Community of Learners

Informational Memo: Kindergarten Program 2019-2020

TO: School Board

FROM: Trisha Kocanda, *Superintendent*

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Background

After extensive planning, the Extended Day Kindergarten program launched in August 2017. At the same time the District engaged in an Educational Master Facility Planning (EMFP) process to address aging infrastructure, imbalanced enrollment, and our vision for teaching and learning. The Kindergarten program was offered at Greeley and Hubbard Woods on a temporary basis to relieve the overcrowding at Crow Island School while the EMFP planning was in process.

Update & Recommendation

The goal was to return Kindergarten to Crow Island by fall of 2019, but this will need to be extended one additional year to provide the requisite time to ensure the highest-quality, long-term redistricting plan to be finalized. Extending this short-term enrollment balancing solution one year is no easy decision, but it is the right decision to execute the best long-term plan. See the redistricting memo for more details.

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, a timeline of next steps includes:

2019-2020 Kindergarten Families

- December 7 - Launch an online pre-registration process. The District's Kindergarten Committee and Central PTO unanimously approved shifting to an online process versus an on-site process. This shift minimizes the time needed to pre-register and respects the busy schedules of our families.
- February 26 - Approve Kindergarten attendance boundaries for Greeley and Hubbard Woods Schools for pre-registered Kindergarteners. The District will consider 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 2019-2020 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 23 - Approve or deny requests for intradistrict transfers at School Board meeting.
- April 25 - Notify families of Board approval or denial of transfer requests.

2018-2019 Kindergarten Families

- November 30 - 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 22).
- Up to January 22 - Accept current 2018-2019 Kindergarten families requests to remain at Greeley or Hubbard Woods schools for the duration of the student's elementary experience.
- January 29 - Approve or deny requests for intradistrict transfers at School Board meeting.
- January 31 - 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