

Appendix 4

TO: Members of the Board of Education
Dr. Philip Bender, Superintendent

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DATE: March 24, 2014

RE: Full-Day Kindergarten Interest Survey

Background

Over the past several months, the Board of Education has received parent feedback from several parents about the possibility of full-day kindergarten in District 64. District 64 currently offers a half-day kindergarten program, either morning or afternoon, to District 64 students. At the February 24, 2014 Board Meeting, the Board of Education requested that District Administration seek feedback from the parent community about interest in full-day kindergarten.

In addition to collecting demographic information, the survey included four questions:

1. Would you be interested in a free, full-day kindergarten at your neighborhood school?
2. Would you be interested in a free, full-day kindergarten if it were offered at one early childhood center school, with bus transportation provided?
3. If a full-day kindergarten option were offered at your neighborhood elementary school, would you be interested in attending if the additional half-day were tuition-based?
4. Would you be interested in the full-day kindergarten option at an early childhood center if the additional half-day were tuition-based?

We received a total of 1,642 survey responses. Below is a summary of the responses collected from all survey participants as well as a summary of the responses from participants who currently have children enrolled in preschool. These respondents made up 60% of the total.