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# Teacher Input Regarding Kindergarten Schedule

— Board Report —  
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# Timeline

- Per Board member request, a Special Board Meeting was held on August 4, 2022 for the purpose of discussing full day kindergarten, every day, beginning on the first day of school for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Board gave direction to engage with parents and teachers to get input during the 2022-2023 school year.

## Current Kindergarten Schedule

- Kindergarten students attend school on a minimum day schedule for the first six weeks of school and a full day schedule beginning the seventh week of school for the remainder of the school year.

# Process for Input

- Get input from parents - October Survey
  - 978 respondents (kindergarten - sixth grade)
  - 57% indicated interest in full day kindergarten beginning on the first day of school
  - 43% indicated interest in keeping the current schedule
- Get input from teachers - November to January
  - 100% of district kindergarten teams provided input via in-person meetings
  - 100% of individual kindergarten teachers strongly recommended maintaining the six-week minimum day schedule
- Report new information to the Board - February

# Teacher Feedback Results

- Each team expressed appreciation for the six-week assessment period.
- All teams unanimously expressed a strong desire to continue the current six-week minimum day schedule.

# Key Benefits

- The six week period allows teachers to
  - Assess the academic needs of students
  - Engage with students on an individual level allowing teachers to understand the social emotional needs of each child
  - Establish a strong relationship with students *and* families, setting the stage for a successful school career into the future
  - Meet the developmental and cognitive needs of students
  - Appropriately prepare students for the systems and structures of school leading to a successful transition to a rigorous full-day program
  - Support students' success and confidence as learners

# Support for Families

- Details regarding After School Care provided at Kindergarten Information Meetings
  - Care provided at each site beginning at 12:30 for the first six weeks of school
  - Free of charge for families that qualify

**Thank you**