

Sudbury Kindergarten Forum

Sudbury Public Schools School Committee
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Why This Forum?

- SPS FDK established in 2009
- FDK/HDK changes in attendance patterns over time:

School Year	HDK enrollment	FDK enrollment	Total K enrollment	HDK locations
2009-2010	126	157	283	All
2010-2011	91	194	285	All
2011-2012	36	225	261	Haynes/ Noyes
2012-2013	43	230	273	Haynes/ Noyes
2013-2014	16	245	261	Noyes
2014-2015	8	239	247	Noyes

Sample of Surrounding Town FY15 K Programs

Town	HDK	FDK	Tuition
Boxborough	14 students	27 students	\$4,000
Concord	None	198 students	N/A
Lincoln	None	136 students	N/A
Wayland	69 students	96 students	\$4,320
Wellesley	None	337 students	N/A
Weston	None	139 students	N/A
Sudbury	8 students	239 students	\$3,250

Implications of Moving to all FDK and/or Increased HDK Hours

- Moving to all FDK Sessions:
 - Full cost of program included in operating budget for FY16 and beyond (approx. increase-\$627,000)
 - Increase in Ch 70 Funding in future years after move to all FDK– approximately \$150,000 to Town of Sudbury
- Increasing HDK Hours (2.5 hrs. to 4 hrs.):
 - Cost of additional hours absorbed into operating budget for FY16 and beyond (approx. increase-\$265,000)
 - No additional Ch 70 funding for increase in hours
 - Tuition for FDK must be reduced to cover only hours beyond HDK hours
 - Possible transportation increase if additional mid-day busses are required

Stakeholder Feedback

Survey of incoming K families (FY16):

- # of responses – 136 as of 10/24/14
- Requests for FDK - 117
- Requests for HDK (4 Hours) – 19
 - 7/19 prefer FDK with no tuition
 - 4/19 prefer HDK in their own school

60.98% response rate (136/223)

Comments/Questions?

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