

# THE KENTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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#### KCSD ISSUE PAPER

DATE:

May 11, 2018

# **AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):**

Consider/Approve Consider the Early Childhood Report and approve All Day Kindergarten for all elementary schools in the Kenton County School District beginning in the 2018-19 school year.

### **APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:**

01.11 General Powers and Duties of the Board

#### HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

In our Kenton County School District Early Childhood Education program, our focus has been in the areas of: expanding opportunities and partnerships, aligning curriculum with Kindergarten Readiness Standards, Preschool Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), Birth-5 Strategies, and Full Day Kindergarten for all students. Consider the presentation, research, and data presented as we work to increase achievement through full day, high quality opportunities for our youngest learners. Data from a 2017-18 Full Day K pilot program at Fort Wright Elementary School indicates that students with a full day of learning at Fort Wright Elementary (identified as Not Kindergarten-Ready) had more growth in the areas of reading and math, and ultimately surpassed their Kindergarten-Ready peers who participated in their current half-day program. National research indicates the similar outcomes. Providing full day Kindergarten instruction for our youngest Kenton County students will fill academic gaps early, allowing more students to exit the primary at grade level.

#### FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

\$1,255,453.88 paid through the District General Fund Budget.

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

Request approval to provide all day Kindergarten at all Kenton County School District elementary schools effective 2018-19 school year.

**CONTACT PERSON:** 

Ellen Zimmer

District Administrator

Superintendent

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