

DATE:

June 8, 2021

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve All day preschool five (5) days a week for 500 KCS D students.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

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HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

KCS D remains steadfast in our mission to ensure that every student is transition ready when exiting our school system. Additionally, our district continues to be a regional, state and national leader with innovative educational opportunities for our students. The board of education approved all day K for ALL KCS D students in 2018 understanding the significance of education for our children at the earliest ages possible. Research is clear that 90% of brain development occurs before age five (5) which is a clear reason for this recommendation. Our district has maintained excellent data with our current half day program outperforming the state in all areas, however, if approved this program will ensure that we have our highest number of early learners ever in our district 5 days a week, all day, and it is anticipated that our Kindergarten readiness will be at an all-time high. This program building on the all-day K program is expected to significantly reduce the need for interventions which will also reduce resources/cost needed for students during their educational career in the KCS D. Also, preschool is clearly a best practice and is a strong research based practice to ensure success for students while addressing any learning gaps. Fiscally, this conversation is occurring at the right time due to the recent actions of our KY legislature to fully fund all day K. We extend a great deal of appreciation to our legislature and our NKY legislative representatives for placing emphasis on the need for early learning for our kids. This additional funding will cover the cost of our all day preschool program as recommended.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

\$921,925.95 annually paid from ARP ESSER (TBD) for the 22, 23, 24 school years.

Approximately, \$900,000 annually from GF 25 & beyond.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval to All day preschool five (5) days a week for 500 KCS D students.

CONTACT PERSON:

Henry Webb

Principal/Administrator

District Administrator



Superintendent

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Principal –complete, print, sign and send to your Director. Director –if approved, sign and put in the Superintendent's mailbox.

Calculation for All Day Preschool (ESSER-Federal)

Average Teacher	\$	58,000.00		
Average IA @ 6.5 hours	\$	30,875.00		Hourly \$27.82

Position	Count	Cost of Staffing	Additional Staff	New Cost
Preschool Teachers	25	\$1,450,000.00	10 new Teachers	\$580,000.00
			10 new IAs	\$308,750.00
IA @ 6.5 hrs	25	\$771,875.00	15 additional days (Fridays)	\$33,175.95
				\$921,925.95

Calculation for All Day Preschool (General Fund- State/Local)

Average Teacher	\$	56,360.00		
Average IA @ 6.5 hours	\$	27,278.00	Hourly	\$22.68

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