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To: Board of Education
From: Michael Barnum, Director of Human Resources
Date: August 10, 2026
Topic: Addition of Preschool Teacher at Franklin Elementary

Due to the increasing enrollment, student needs, and responsibilities within the preschool at Franklin Elementary, an additional preschool teacher is needed to accommodate the student body.

Longitudinal data shows that our preschool numbers have fluctuated from 107 (2024-25) to 93 (2025-26). FES is enrolling preschool students at this time and currently sitting at 136 students to start the 2026-27 school year.

As is, there are 3 preschool teachers and 6 para educators to serve these students. Per **704 KAR3:410**, *preschool classrooms are strictly capped at a maximum group size of 20 children, requiring and adult to child ratio of 1:10*. To keep the ratio of 10-1 and additional preschool teacher is needed.

This full-time position will continue to ensure that our preschool students have their needs met within the district while meeting the revised statutes as required by the state.

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