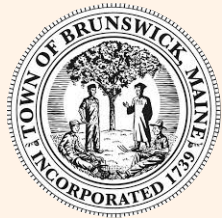


Pre-Kindergarten Advisory Committee Recommendations



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History of Pre-K Planning in Brunswick

2009-2011 Pre-Kindergarten Committee

January 2011 - Pre-K Proposal

January 2016 - Updated Pre-K Proposal

June 2017 - Approval of monies for Kate Furbish Elementary School (4 Pre-K Classrooms)

September 2018 - Pre-K Community Interest Survey

2019 - 2020 - Pre-K Pilot / Pre-K Advisory Committee



Pre-K Advisory Committee Recommendations

Pre-Kindergarten Advisory Committee

February 2019 - Introductory / Organizational Meeting

February - December 2020 - Multiple Full Committee Meetings and Subcommittee Meetings

December 2020 - Final Advisory Committee Recommendations to the Superintendent of Schools



2019-20 Pre-Kindergarten Pilot Program

Schedule - Continuity and Consistency Important for Students / Families / Programming

PreK for ME - Engaging / Effective / Accessible

Transportation - Value Adding for Families / Equity

Intervention Supports - Essential for Pre-K Success



Curricula Recommendations

**Curricula reviewed in context of BSD
Strategic Framework**

Pre-K for ME

Handwriting Without Tears

Second Step Social Curriculum



Special Education Recommendations

Springtime Screening - allowing time to plan and implement high-quality programming

Screening Tool - needs to be language and culturally appropriate

Special Education Programming - allows students to have inclusive experiences in the regular Pre-Kindergarten classroom



Special Education Recommendations

Enrollment - Special Education enrollment reflects State average of identified students - c. 17%

Collaboration with Child Development Services (CDS) - CDS is still responsible for four-year-old programming



Additional Subcommittee Recommendations

Transportation - Provide busing to all Pre-K students. Students will sit in booster seats. Buses should have a bus monitor.

Schedule - Provide a five-day / week half-day program.

Staffing - Four Pre-K Teachers (one to be a team leader); four Pre-K Educational Technicians; one Pre-K Response to Intervention Teacher.

Community Providers - Collaborate with providers throughout the community.



Community Pre-K Providers Meeting



2020 -
2021

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Information and
Schedule



Community Pre-K Providers Meeting




In August 2020 Brunswick School Department plans to open four Pre-K classrooms serving no greater than 120 students.






Community Pre-K Providers Meeting




The program schedule will be finalized after we present the findings of the Pre-K Advisory Committee and make recommendations to the School Board on February 12.

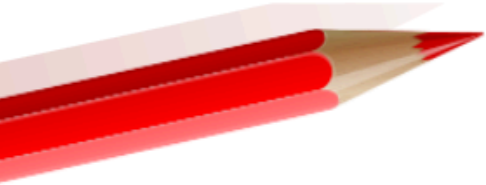




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Our grade level cohorts over the last several years range from 180 to 203. This means that we will not have the capacity to enroll all 4-year old students eligible for service in any given year.






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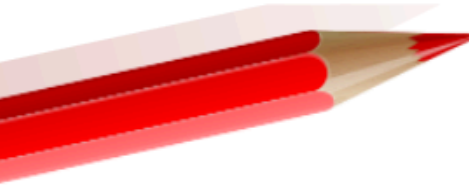



Depending on the schedule we choose, students may need additional programming in any given day. As an example, if we go to a 5-day half-day program students may need programming for the other half of that day. If we establish a full day every other day program students may need services for the days they do not attend with the Brunswick School Department.






Community Pre-K Providers Meeting




If families choose to also enroll their student(s) with one of the private providers in town we will work with you to see if transportation drops are workable. This will depend on the location of the facility and/or the number of students attending. We will make every effort to work collaboratively with you.



Community Pre-K Providers Meeting

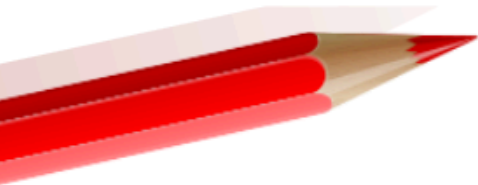



If the cohort of 3-year old students is comparable to current cohorts we may not have the capacity to house the programs with our current configuration. It would be important to think about how we may utilize the private providers when this happens and start those conversations next year.






Community Pre-K Providers Meeting



In order to maintain the highest ability to collaborate with each other, disseminate information, and build relationships, we would like to propose the development of an Early Childhood Advisory Council that meets at least four times per year.



Community Pre-K Providers Meeting



We would like to meet again to have the ability to update you on our progress and receive your feedback. We are proposing March 2nd and May 4th at 4:30 p.m. here at Hawthorne.





Community Pre-K Providers Meeting

Thank you.

Questions
and
Conversation





Pre-K Advisory Committee Recommendations

QUESTIONS

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