



## **SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CHATHAMS Board of Education**

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### **Full-Day Kindergarten Announcement**

The School District of the Chathams is pleased to offer an inaugural full-day kindergarten option for the 2019-2020 school year. A child must have turned five-years of age by October 1 to be eligible for admission. Forty-eight (48) slots will be available on a lottery basis, at a tuition rate of \$7,000. Please find below an overview of key features of the program.

- One full-day kindergarten section will be a stand-alone class held at Milton Avenue School and another section will be a stand-alone class held at Washington Avenue School; students will not start the day in a half-day section and then switch classrooms to complete the day. Students will remain with their same homeroom for the full day.
- The parents of any Chatham child who turns five-years-old by October 1 may enter their child into the lottery, regardless of neighborhood school zone.
- Selection of students will be proportional to overall kindergarten enrollment so that there is no “over-representation” of one neighborhood versus another (e.g. if 40% of the district’s total kindergarten enrollment lives in the SBS neighborhood, then 40% of the slots for full-day kindergarten will be allocated to SBS students). However, because we are able to offer one section at WAS and one at MAS, students in those school zones will attend their home school. That is, MAS students selected via the lottery will remain at MAS and WAS students selected via the lottery will remain at WAS.
- Students selected from the lottery who also qualify for the federal free/reduced lunch program will not be charged a tuition payment.
- Transportation to and from school will be the responsibility of the parent; the school district will not provide transportation to or from the program.

- The school day in the full-day kindergarten sections will resemble a typical full-day kindergarten or first-grade schedule in terms of time allotted to academic subjects (like math and E.L.A.) and special subjects (like physical education, art, and music). The school day will also include lunch and recess time.
- Upon completion of kindergarten, students will attend their neighborhood elementary school for first grade.

If you are interested in registering for the lottery for the pilot full-day kindergarten program, please visit [this page of our website](#). Additional information about the date and nature of the lottery drawing will be sent to all registrants in the coming weeks. Thank you!