



Date: October 25, 2010

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Daniel A. Nerad, Superintendent

Subject: 4K Early Childhood Care and Education Center Sites

I. Background

The Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) during the summer of 2010 made a request for proposals (RFP) for early childhood care and education (ECE) centers interested in partnering with MMSD to provide four year old kindergarten (4K) programming starting in September 2011. In order to be considered for this partnership with the district, ECE centers were required to be accredited by the City of Madison or the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) to ensure high quality programming for MMSD students. On September 2, 2010, six members of the Logistics committee along with six members of the community with expertise in pre-kindergarten education assembled to review the proposals. The ECE center proposals were accepted by the BOE on October 4, 2010 for the first step in the review process for consideration of partnering with the district to provide 4K programming. These ECE centers are indicated in section three of this memo. On October 18, 2010, there was a BOE Special Session to provide informational updates to the BOE on the work of the four 4K subcommittees.

II. Purpose

At this time, the 4K Advisory Committee is requesting Board of Education (BOE) qualify the 28 ECE center sites that met RFP criteria. The BOE qualification will allow administration to analyze the geographical locations of the each of the ECE center sites in conjunction with the District's currently available space. The BOE qualification will also allow administration to enter into agreements with the ECE center sites at the appropriate time.

III. ECE Center Sites

The following 28 ECE center sites met the RFP criteria as an initial step in identifying potential 4K community sites:

Animal Crackers
Bernie's Place
Big Oak Child Care
Creative Learning Preschool
Dane County Parent Council
Eagle's Wing
Goodman Community Center
Kennedy Heights Neighborhood
KinderCare-Londonderry
KinderCare-Old Sauk
KinderCare-Raymond
LaPetite-North Gammon
MATC-Downtown
MATC-Truax
Meeting House Nursery
Middleton Preschool
Monona Grove Nursery
New Morning Nursery
Orchard Ridge Nursery
Preschool of the Arts
The Learning Gardens
University Avenue Discovery Center
University Houses Preschool
University Preschool-Linden
University Preschool-Mineral Point
Waisman EC Program
YMCA-East
YMCA-West

Of the 35 ECE center sites who submitted RFP applications, 28 met the RFP criteria at this time. Seven of the ECE center sites did not meet RFP criteria. However, those sites not meeting RFP criteria may qualify in the future for partnerships with MMSD. There are 26 qualified sites that would partner with MMSD to provide a Model III program, and two sites that will provide a Model II program.

III. 4K Timeline

The following is the timeline of implementation for 4K:

- August 3, 2010 - the RFP process closed
- September 2, 2010 - The Logistics Committee convened to review the RFPs submitted and compiled a list of recommended sites for BOE approval. The MMSD will continue to plan for 4K implementation, meet in committees and complete contracts.
- October 4, 2010 - Presentation to BOE of recommendations for ECE contracted center sites.
- October 11, 2010 - Operational committee review of the budget
- October 18, 2010 - BOE special session on 4K
- October 25, 2010 - BOE action requested on approving ECE center sites
- November 8, 2010 - Review the space capacity of qualified ECE center sites and district building locations for 4K.
- November, 2010 - The 4K outreach committee begins to advertise and reach out to families of students eligible for 4 K in 2011
- November 29, 2010 - Request BOE action to approve the 4K budget
- December, 2010 - Informational sessions for families will be held to provide information about 4 K sites available (will be videotaped and posted on the web)
- February 7, 2011- Registration of students for 4K is held

IV. Administration Recommendation:

The following language is suggested in order to approve the 28 ECE center sites:

It is recommended to provide final qualification of the 28 Early Childhood Care and Education centers identified above as they have met the criteria of RFP 3168 (Provision of a Four-Year-Old Kindergarten Program) and authorize the District to enter into Agreements with said Early Childhood Care and Education centers.