

Shrewsbury Public Schools



2014-2015 Full Day Kindergarten
Revised Recommendation
March 19, 2014

Full Day Kindergarten: Revised Plan

- 1) One fewer first grade class section at Spring Street School needed – updated enrollment data
- 2) Re-purpose 3 music classroom spaces (Coolidge, Paton & Spring Street)
- 3) Use these four additional spaces to house full day kindergarten
- 4) Revise target enrollment in full day classes up by 2 students each (19 to 21)

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- More space and slightly higher class sizes enable addition of 7 full day kindergarten sections (from 5 to 12 sections).
- Total number of full day K seats increases from 95 to 252 (increase of 157 seats, or 165%)

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Total full day kindergarten slots will be allocated proportionally by elementary district:

- 6 sections of FDK at Beal (Floral St., Paton & Spring St.)
- 3 sections of FDK at Coolidge (Coolidge & Floral St.)
- 1 section of FDK at Paton (Paton only)
- 2 sections of FDK at Spring Street (Spring St. only)
- 6 sections of half day K at Beal (3 AM & 3 PM – all HDK)
- 18 total sections to service estimated enrollment of 366

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- Revised plan allows greater use of parent full day kindergarten tuition
- While total FTE for Grades K-4 increase, more teachers in full day kindergarten results in more tuition to offset appropriated budget
- Net savings from original budget recommendation: **\$147,867**

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Pros:

- More students receive full day K experience
- Net savings to appropriated budget

Cons:

- Music instruction affected negatively by loss of dedicated classroom space
- May require shifting of some AM and PM assignments for half day students