



A Newsletter from Avon Grove School District

Avon Grove School Board Delays Full Day Kindergarten

After months of careful review and discussion, the Avon Grove School Board, by a 4-4 vote, did not approve a district-wide full day kindergarten program. This action will effectively delay implementation for at least a year. Over the last six months the board and administration had been studying a full day kindergarten program, with an eye on implementing it in 2016-17 school year.

Full day kindergarten was recommended in the district's community-developed Strategic Plan, and is based on research that shows that full day programs help better prepare children to succeed in the rest of their elementary school years.

"This doesn't mean the program is off the table," said Board President Bonnie Wolff. "Unfortunately we were not able to get consensus from the Board this evening. Some of our school directors wanted more time to study various aspects of full day kindergarten before moving forward with implementation."

Over the last few months the district surveyed current parents and worked with local preschools and other community organizations to distribute interest surveys. The results show that there is strong support for and interest in a full day program, and many families that currently seek a full day program at a charter or private program instead plan to send their children to Avon Grove School District's full day kindergarten.

"I do believe a full day kindergarten program is what's best for our students," said Dr. Marchese. "We will utilize the additional time to continue our efforts to bring a full day kindergarten program to the Avon Grove School District."



Substitute Job Fair - 2/18/16

Source4Teachers has dozens of substitute job opportunities every day in the Avon Grove School District. Take part in satisfying work with a flexible schedule, in-person training, ongoing support, and competitive benefits. Click [here](#) for more information.

Kindergarten Information Night February 17, 2016

If you are a parent of a new kindergarten student for 2016-2017, please join us on Wednesday, February 17th at 6 p.m. to receive information about the Avon Grove School District kindergarten half-day program. To be eligible for kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year, students must turn 5-years-old on or before September 8, 2016. Parents will be free to tour through Penn London and the Kindergarten Square from 6 to 6:30 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., in the Cafeteria, we will present on Kindergarten Readiness. Penn London staff will share information on the new [kindergarten registration process](#), screening, schedule and program. To register your child for kindergarten, please click here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080849adac2bab9-registration>.



Board of Directors Retreat Rescheduled for 2/20/16

The School Board Retreat has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 20, 2016. The public session is scheduled from 9:45 - 12:45 PM.

Facilities and Finance Meeting Rescheduled for 2/23/16

The Facilities and Finance Meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Avon Grove Intermediate School Audion.

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