

The Future of WEM Preschool Planning

Summary:

It has been a goal of the WEM administration to expand the preschool offerings for the past several school years. We have been unable to expand because space has not been available in either the Morristown or Waterville buildings. During the remodel/expansion planning we made the space need a priority and identified spaces for the expanded programming. We knew that we would not be able to expand until that space was complete. As we approach the end of the construction, we have begun formal planning, with the goal of opening fall 2022.

Goal: To offer additional preschool programming, including more options and to offer wrap around care options.

Goal Date: Fall 2022

One - 5 day program for 4 & 5 year olds

Two - 3 day programs AM & PM 3 & 4 year olds (another option would be to have the PM class as a 4-day program)

One - 2 day program AM 3 year olds

Depending on enrollment by age we can add or subtract sections.

Wrap Around Care: Care during the school day for students who attend AM or PM preschool

Barriers:

Space

To Do:

Survey WEM families: identify family needs

Finish space intended for preschool

Hire Staff

Enroll/advertise

Apply for VPK funding (we do this each year)