

February 27, 2014

Agenda Item Discussion – Kindergarten Programming

Purpose: We are holding this work session in order to provide all board members with context on issues associated with providing for full day kindergarten. The board is encouraged to engage in this discussion topic as we continue consideration of full-day kindergarten.

Background:

MRSD Kindergarten teachers presented to the Board in April 2012 regarding this topic. While most districts continue to offer only half-day kindergarten, districts across the state have begun discussions regarding full-day kindergarten.

SB 248 establishes two essential guidelines for districts in relationship to full-day kindergarten.

1. Districts may no longer charge tuition for full-day kindergarten after 2014-2015.
2. Beginning in 2015-16, school districts that offer full-day kindergarten will be able to collect a full weight of funding for kindergarten students enrolled for a full day.