

Parents/Guardians.

It is my great pleasure to welcome you and your child to CCSD59. Our district's core purpose is to prepare students to be successful for life, and we look forward to working together over the coming years to build the skills, knowledge, and dispositions within your child to be successful in whatever path he or she chooses in their future and in their career.

This year, CCSD59 is implementing full-day kindergarten at all elementary schools as part of our dedication to meet our core purpose. We believe that the additional time with students will enable our staff to better meet both the academic and social emotional needs of students. We recognize how critically important it is to provide a full day of educational opportunities for our youngest students, and we are grateful to our board of education and our community for supporting this important endeavor.

While we know there are many parents who will choose the option of enrolling their child in full-day kindergarten, we also understand and respect the desire and decision of any parent who wishes to have their child enrolled in half-day kindergarten. Parents will still be offered the choice of half-day kindergarten at all of our buildings, and a half-day placement request should be made at the time of registration. All half-day sessions will be offered as AM-only options for the 2015-2016 school year.

I look forward to supporting the successful education of your child and the positive partnership our district will have with you in the years to come. Please feel free to contact your child's building principal if you have any questions about this notification.

Thank you,

Dr. Art Fessler Superintendent of Schools