

Geneseo Preschool Proposal for FY20 and FY21

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Background

- District 228 has provided a preschool program for the past 27 years. Since 2015, our preschool has served 213 students.
- State funding was cut in June of 2018.
 - June 2018, BOE approved funding for FY19 Preschool program.
 - Need guidance from BOE for FY20 and FY21 Preschool



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Why Keep our Award-Winning PreK?

“From birth to age 5, a child learns faster than at any other time in his or her life. Those early learning experiences influence success in school and beyond.”

- School Readiness - “Set of Skills” - includes academic basics, self-care, attention and concentration, physical skills to attend, emotional regulation, language skills and play and social skills - *Kid Sense Child Development*
- Long term impact
 - More likely to produce higher achievement test scores in 3rd grade - Stephen Barnett, Education Public Interest Center
 - Starting behind socially is a future predictor of students being held back suspended, expelled, and more likely to receive special education services - Danielle Kress, John Hopkins University

Why Keep our Award-Winning PreK?

- Served 213 students through our program since 2015.
- A high quality academic and social-emotional curriculum (Gold Circle of Quality).
 - Academic - Creative Curriculum
 - Social-Emotional Learning - 2nd Step
- Students learn and grow in our program.

	Percent that Showed Growth (pre vs post test)	Average Percent Improvement	Average Raw Score Improvement	Percent that are “K” ready	Percent that meet End of 1st Q K Standards (Day 1)
2015-16	100	31	50	100	47
2016-17	100	25	40	91	65
2017-18	100	29	46	95	65

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Option 1 - “Rolling” Pay Model

- ALL students (60 students) can attend.
 - 40 in general education classrooms
 - 20 in “blended” classrooms
- Priority for “at-risk” students, but all students can attend
- Free/Reduced/Full payment determined by free/reduced form

Benefits - high-quality preschool program provided

Concerns - cost shift to families and logistics for marketing and payments

<u>Enrollment Projections</u>	<u>Projected Income</u>	<u>Salary Costs</u>	<u>Cost to District</u>
Really Conservative 20 “Full” @ \$200 10 “Reduced.” @ \$100 30 “Free” @ \$0	Full - \$36,000 Rdc - \$9,000 Total \$45,000	FY20 - \$78,200 FY21 - \$60,000	FY20- (\$33,200) FY21- (\$15,000)
Conservative 25 “Full” @ \$200 10 “Reduced.” @ \$100 25 “Free” @ \$0	Full - \$45,000 Rdc. - \$9,000 Total - \$54,000	FY20 - \$78,200 FY21 - \$60,000	FY20- (\$24,200) FY21- (\$6,000)
Ambitious 30 “Full” @ \$200 10 “Reduced.” @ \$100 20 “Free” @ \$0	Full - \$54,000 Rdc. - \$9,000 Total - \$63,000	FY20 - \$78,200 FY21 - \$60,000	FY20- (\$15,200) FY21- \$3,000

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Option 2 - District fully-funds program

- 60 students can attend.
 - 40 in general education classrooms
 - 20 in “blended” classrooms
- Student enrollment determined strictly on screening “at-risk” score

Benefits - high-quality preschool program provided, and all students attend at no-cost

Concerns - district is currently deficit spending

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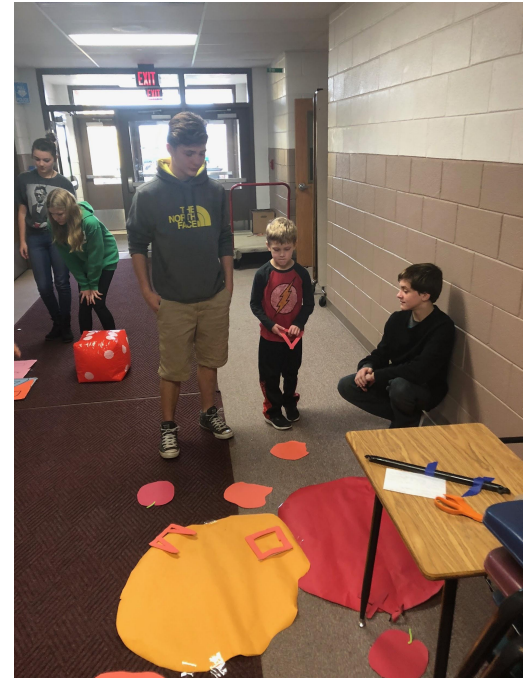
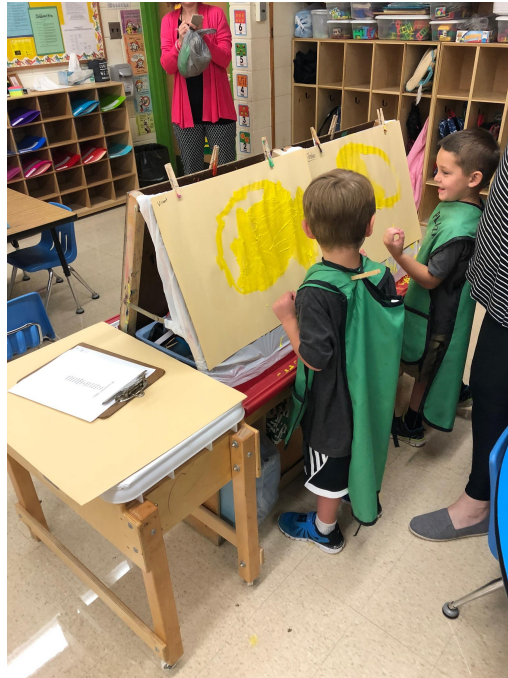


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Next Steps

- Take formal Action at the February 14, 2019 School Board Meeting regarding the Geneseo preschool program for FY20 and FY21



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To: Board of Education

Re: Geneseo Preschool Proposal

Background

- District has provided a high quality preschool program (Gold Circle of Quality) for the last 27 years. 26 years in the Preschool for All (PFA) grant and one year of district costs.
- FY 19, our district did not qualify for funding via PFA grant.
- Projected PreK salary costs for FY20 is \$78,200 and FY 21 is \$60,000.

Why Keep PreK:

- Served 213 students through our program since 2015.
- High quality curriculum (Gold Circle of Quality) academically and social emotional.
 - Academic - Creative Curriculum
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Academic Data Collection Categories

Uppercase Letters (26)	Lowercase Letters (26)	Colors (10)
Rote Counting (20)	1 to 1 Counting (20)	Shapes (8)
Number Recognition (10)	Patterns (5)	Drawing a Person (10)
Letter Sound Connection (26)		

Student Achievement Score Data

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Proposal:

- Geneseo Preschool will be redesigned to serve a variety of needs and levels of our community by shifting to a “rolling” pay scale model.

Who would we serve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All pre-k eligible students in the Geneseo School District are able to apply. • In the Spring, a sign-up and screening will be conducted on the first 40 families to sign-up. 20 additional spots will be reserved for late registering students and students who meet priority considerations. • Priority will be given to kindergarten eligible students for the next school year, and students who qualify for “free” preK. 	Costs for District (Salaries): FTE: FY20 - \$53,200 FTE: FY 21 - \$35,000 Instructional Aide: \$16,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (2) .5 aides Parent Coordinator: \$9,000 Total Projected Salary Costs: FY20- \$78,200 FY21- \$60,000	Costs for Families: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A shift to a “rolling” pay-scale model. Students at full rate would pay \$200 a month, reduced at \$100 a month, and free for \$0 dollars a month. Enrollment Projections: A pre-k enrollment of 60 students with 9 monthly payments
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Based on projections, we feel we can provide a high quality preschool education to sixty of our students outlined in the chart below.

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Request:

- To carefully consider today's proposal and then take formal action at the February 14, 2019 School Board meeting to approve preschool funding for FY20 and potentially FY21. The District plans to reapply for the Preschool For All grant during the next competitive application cycle, likely the spring of 2021. Without funding, notice to any reduced staff would need to be done at the March Board meeting.