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To Board of Education

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Subject Preschool and Universal Transitional Kindergarten Updates

Ask of the Board Review and provide feedback and questions on Preschool and Universal Transitional Kindergarten planning for 2022-2023 school and future years.

Background OUSD Preschool and TK support families 3-5 years old in the Early Learning department. We support all PreK SPED and Inclusion services and believe in a fill wrap around model for our youngest learners. OUSD preschool classrooms just adopted Creative Curriculum and TK educators are reviewing options for the 2022-2023 school year. In TK, there's one fully credentialed teacher for every 24-27 children, while OUSD Preschool has one for 24 children and one adult for every 8 children

Discussion OUSD has 29 Early Learning Sites with 66 classrooms and 35 TK classrooms. Currently, TK is offered only to children who turn 5 between Sept. 2 and Dec. 2. The Governors Universal TK plan, starting in 2022-23, will be expanded in annual increments, first to children turning 5 by February 1 as the first change. This potential expansion adds the ability to serve more 3-year-olds in California State Preschool (CSPP) and Head Start, as well as infants and toddlers thanks to complementary legislation (SB 50). The UTK also maintains the parent's ability to choose whether their 4-year-old remains in CSPP or Head Start, or enrolls in TK.

Fiscal Impact OUSD Preschool Programs currently have a 12.8 Million dollar budget for CSPP services and 2.5 Million for CCTR. The Governor also proposed \$740 million to cut the class size in half from 24 students to 20 students with a 1:10 ratio. Additionally, full implementation at an additional annual cost of \$2.7 billion for UTK.

Attachment(s) Presentation - Universal Early Learning