

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN

WHEREAS, the Randolph School District currently offers half-day kindergarten for its students; and

WHEREAS, the Administration and Board of Education believe that by providing our students with the tools to become 21st century learners, at their earliest stages of development, is beneficial for their educational, social and emotional growth; and

WHEREAS, one of these tools is a longer school day for kindergarten students where educational concepts can be taught and reinforced in a more meaningful manner; and

WHEREAS, studies comparing half-day and full-day kindergarten shows that students greatly benefit from an age-appropriate full-day kindergarten program in terms of early academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, research also demonstrates that full-day kindergarten provides students with an academic foundation which is vital to their future success and which also reduces the need for remedial assistance or grade-retention in the future; and

WHEREAS, many school districts in the State of New Jersey have already adopted full-day kindergarten for their students; and

WHEREAS, the Randolph School District wishes to join the growing number of school districts in New Jersey and across the Nation that have realized the benefits of a longer day for kindergarten students, many of whom were already in full-day preschool programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby adopts a full-day kindergarten program for its students commencing in the 2015-16 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent are hereby directed to take all steps necessary to effectuate this longer school day for these students.