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### **FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN TO BE IMPLEMENTED FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Hooksett, New Hampshire - April 6, 2022** - The Hooksett School District will be offering Full Day Kindergarten to all incoming Kindergarten students at Fred C. Underhill School starting in the 2022-2023 School Year. This was made possible through the approval of the School District's operating budget at the Annual Hooksett School District Elections on March 8, 2022.

The Hooksett School Board continuously monitored the implementation of all-day kindergarten across the State of New Hampshire. They also considered the needs of the students and the growing interest from parents and community members. The school board recommended the implementation of Full Day Kindergarten due to the multiple benefits it would provide students such as a balanced school day with more time for early intervention and enrichment, more individualized and small group learning, and increased opportunities for social skills development.

During the 2019-2020 school year, the Hooksett School Board established a goal to provide Full Day Kindergarten to all incoming Kindergarten students. The school district conducted an analysis of the physical space within the school, enrollment projections, staffing needs, and costs. A pilot Full Day Kindergarten class was created in 2020 to begin the process of implementation.

The Hooksett School Board and administration developed the 2022-2023 operating budget to include the complete implementation of Full Day Kindergarten, which was passed by the voters at the Hooksett School District Elections on March 8, 2022. As a result, the Hooksett School District will be able to provide Full Day Kindergarten for all incoming Kindergarten students starting next school year.

The registration window for the 2022-2023 School Year is open at Fred C. Underhill School. Please visit <https://hooksett.sau15.net/registration/> for more information regarding the registration process or call the school at (603) 623-7233 for additional assistance.