

District 148 to offer full-day kindergarten

Dolton West Elementary District 148 will offer full-day kindergarten classes starting this fall.

The District 148 Board of Education at its January 26th meeting unanimously approved having full-day kindergarten classes in each of the District's six elementary schools for the 2012-2013 school year.

Depending on enrollment numbers, the plan includes having up to two kindergarten classes in each school. The Board also approved the purchase of necessary materials, curriculum and furniture.

"The Board of Education discussed the idea of a full-day kindergarten in early 2011. Creating a full-day program was our response to questionnaire results from parents and our commitment to education," said School Board President Joyce J. Jackson.

Superintendent Dr. Jayne E. Purcell said the all-day program will provide children with additional learning opportunities and is expected to help improve overall student achievement. District 148 students receive a strong academic foundation in kindergarten as well as in the primary grades, she said.

The District also will continue to offer a half-day kindergarten program.