



SOUTH WESTERN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

MANHEIM ELEMENTARY

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Dear Kindergarten Parents/Guardians:

The South Western School District Board of Directors and the Elementary Administrative Team are pleased to share that the district will begin providing full-day kindergarten for all learners for the 2017-2018 school year. During kindergarten, children learn to get along with others. They discover the joy and challenge of reading and writing, and they learn what it means to be a learner in school. Our goal at South Western School District is to provide the opportunity for all children to grow socially, emotionally, and academically during their first formal year of learning.

Some of the other factors that support shifting to a full-day setting for all kindergarten learners include:

- There is more time for quality instruction and learning.
- There is evidence of more literacy and language growth in a full-day setting, as compared to a half-day session.
- There is the opportunity for a more varied and in-depth learning experience in a full day setting.
- Full-day kindergarten enables teachers to assess students' needs and abilities more effectively, thus leading to early intervention.

We are excited to provide a quality full-day kindergarten program for all kindergarten learners beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. If you have any questions, please contact one of our elementary principals at your convenience.

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Sincerely,

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