
Full Day Kindergarten Discussion

— C3 Committee Meeting - Nov. —
20th - 6:30 PM

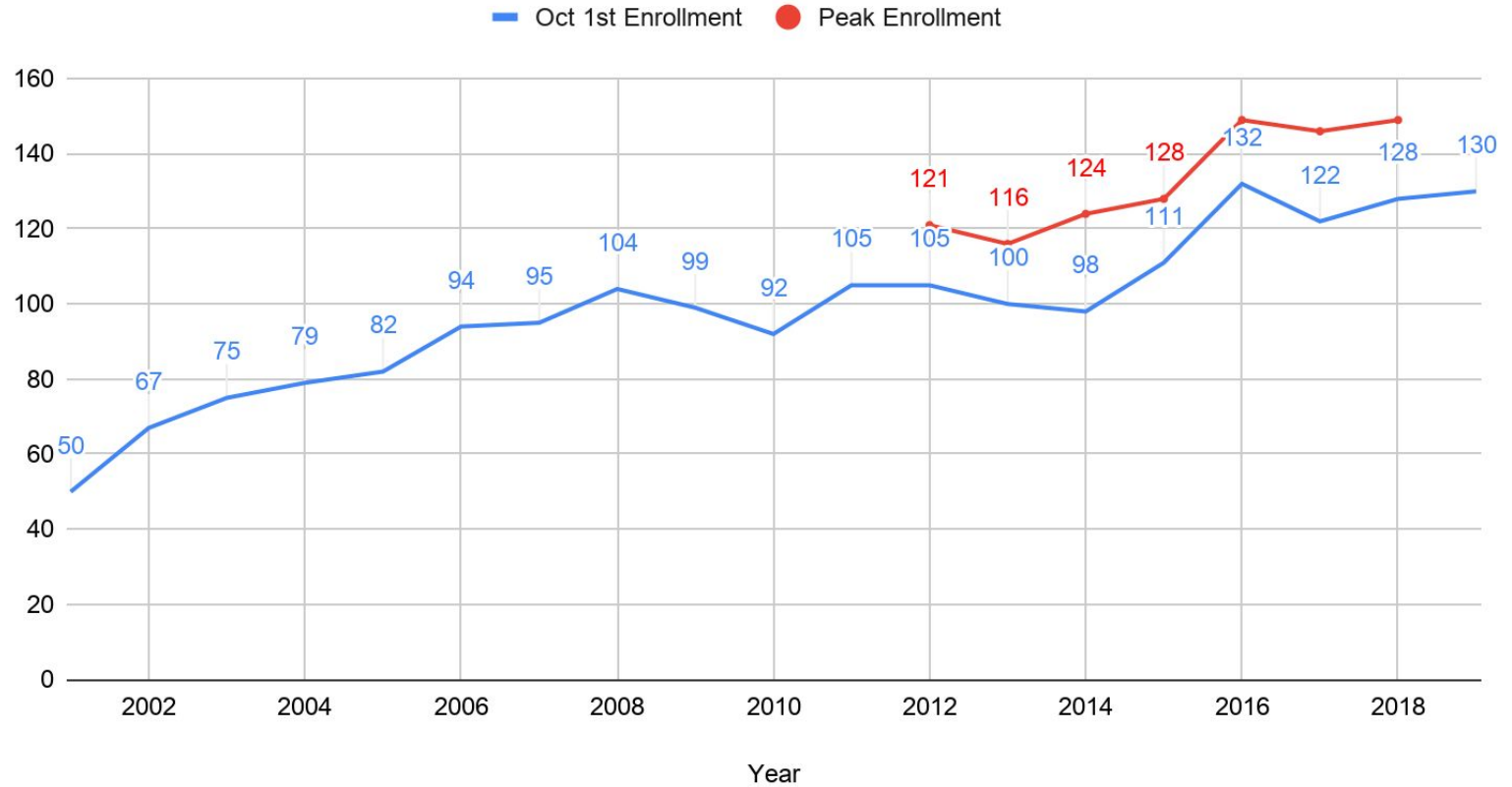
Overview of Today's Meeting

- A Quick Video on our Space Needs at Moose Hill
- A Quick Presentation on Full Day Kindergarten
- The majority of the time spent on Questions the Community and C3 Members might have around Full Day Kindergarten.
- A Quick look to Facilities Study Committee Presentation at Nov. 26th School Board Meeting



**We are out of space right now at
Moose Hill for our half day
Kindergarten program and LEEP.**

LEEP Oct 1st Enrollment and Peak Enrollment



The Facilities Study Committee will recommend a building expansion to Moose Hill School in March of 2021.

Portables are not a permanent solution for the growth in LEEP and the growth in complexity of needs we are seeing in LEEP and Kindergarten that require more specialized space and groupings.

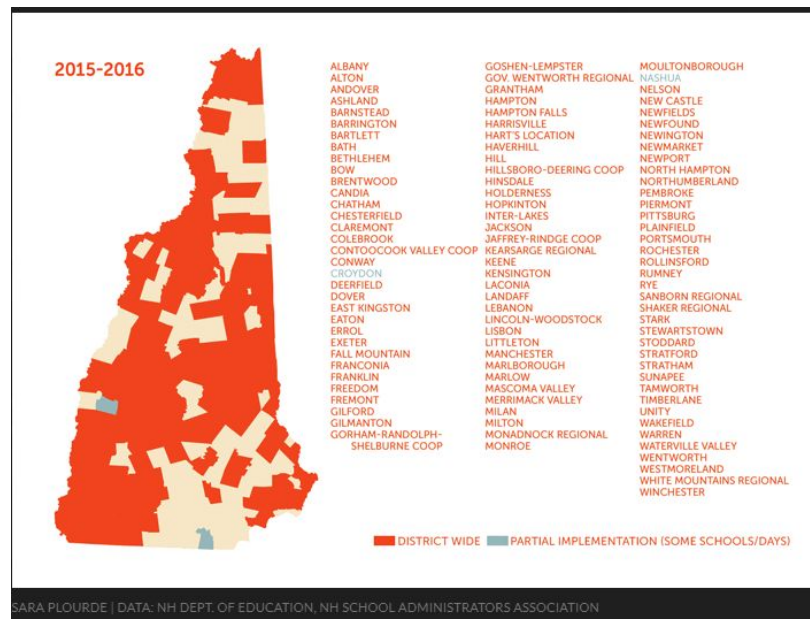
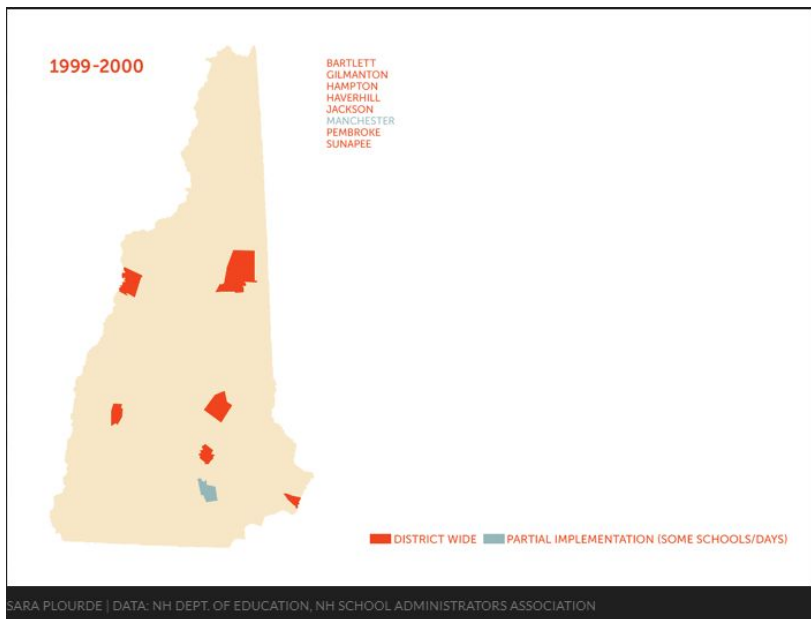
The challenge before our community is to determine what kind of expansion.

Understanding the community's thoughts on Full Day Kindergarten allows us to make a short and long term facilities plan.

Why Discuss Full Day Kindergarten Now?

Growth in State Support and Interest

In **June of 2017**, the legislature passed funding for Full Day Kindergarten with Keno funds that capitalized on years of growth for full day Kindergarten in the State. In the past year, the legislature just made Kindergarten part of State Aid, no longer tied to Keno funds.



<https://www.nhpr.org/post/data-map-how-all-day-kindergarten-has-taken-hold-nh#stream/0>

Growth in State Support and Interest: Our Neighboring and Peer Districts

Neighbor and Peer Districts that Have Full Day K	Neighbor and Peer Districts that Have a Tuition Full Day K or Tried and Failed to Get Full Day K	Neighbor and Peer Districts that Do Not Have Full Day K
<p>Litchfield Manchester Nashua Derry Merrimack Concord Bow Amherst Hollis-Brookline Exeter Windham Salem</p>	<p>Bedford - ½ Day Tuition - \$5250 for K-Plus Program</p> <p>Hudson - lost warrant article March 2019</p> <p>Hooksett - lost construction project vote March 2018</p>	<p>Auburn Pelham Chester Goffstown - New Boston Sanbornton</p>

Why should Londonderry consider a Full Day Kindergarten Option?

An Investment in our Students

An Investment in our Community

Full Day Kindergarten is an investment in our Students

- On average about **70% of our students** leave our ½ day Kindergarten program on track in their literacy development. A full day program would allow us to invest better in all students - but especially the 30% who start to fall behind early.
- We would have the time to invest more in ***social emotional learning***. We know that more of our students right now need more time to build the skills they need to work successfully with their peers and adults.
- We would also have more time to invest in building foundational skills in **Math** as well.

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However, our plan for a Full Day Kindergarten would be anchored by a very talented Moose Hill staff that know how to make Kindergarten **a play based learning environment.**

A play based Kindergarten is actually the Law in New Hampshire, put in place during 2018 to coincide with the Governor's and Legislature's push for Full Day Kindergarten within the state. [RSA 193-E:2-a](#)

If we had a Full Day Kindergarten program, it would not be mandatory for parents to send their kids to Kindergarten, as is the law now.

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Governor Sununu has pushed Full Day Kindergarten for Economic Development reasons:

In his first 100 days, **Governor Sununu** visited 100 business to get their input and ideas on how to attract more businesses and high paying jobs to the state of New Hampshire.

“We heard from businesses who stressed how important issues like full-day kindergarten and school choice are to the parents that they employ,” the report states.(p.5) <https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/press-2017/documents/100-businesses-100-days.pdf>

Having Full Day Kindergarten in NH Communities, makes the state more attractive to businesses, and their employees, to relocate to New Hampshire.

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Governor Sununu's Thoughts and Advice:

“Full-day kindergarten is good for children and families, and a critical tool in retaining our future workforce. It is a priority for many when considering the quality of a community's public education and when choosing a place to raise their families. It is not just a talking point, but a real plan that delivers better outcomes for kids across the state.”

[Building a 21st Century Education System](#) (Sept. 2017)

Having Full Day Kindergarten will make our school system and community more attractive to future families, as current residents decide to sell their homes with generational change.

What Full Day Kindergarten is NOT.

Full Day Kindergarten is a good investment in our students and community, but we are not viewing it as the only solution to resolve all our challenges.

- We know a full day program would impact **all students** both academically to learn more deeply and socially to build more authentic relationships with their peers and adults than a half day program.
- We know we could better directly target at least 30% of our students when it comes to being ready for 1st grade and elementary school with more time.
- We know it would put less pressure on our primary grades, reading and math specialists in general in elementary school.
- But there is still curriculum, instruction, and assessment work we are currently undertaking - along with a better focus on social emotional learning for all our students.

**Full Day Kindergarten helps address the challenges in front of us,
but it is only part of the work we need to do.**

The decision in Londonderry is different than it was in many other communities.

We have invested in in-District Special Education programs.

We are planning for growth in our student population.

We are developing programs to meet the learning needs of increasingly complex students.

Unlike most communities, we will need to make a capital investment to get the space we need for Full Day Kindergarten.

Full Day Kindergarten Cost Estimates

In May of 2019, the administration came up with estimate costs for a number of Full Day Kindergarten Scenarios.

Since that presentation, the Facilities Study Committee has done more detailed and in depth work around possible scenarios for the Moose Hill building, but have not detailed any specific costs.

From what we know now, to achieve Full Day Kindergarten, we would need to invest in additional staff and supplies, as well as an addition to the building. Having Full Day Kindergarten would save costs on the current midday bus runs, and result in additional state aid for those students.

Range of Yearly Additional Staff & Operating Costs	Approximate Yearly Savings & Additional State Aid	Range of Costs for Addition to Moose Hill
+\$1.0M to \$1.5M	-\$250K in Busing Costs +\$500K in State Aid	+\$9.0M to \$11.0M

****These costs and assumptions can change with further work by the Facilities Study Committee.****

Hypothetical Moose Hill Additions



Questions from the Community and C3 Committee