



Kindergarten Transition Presentation

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It is my recommendation that Kindergarten move from the Early Education Center to Gilles-Sweet Elementary School starting in the 2024-2025 school year.



Rationale #1 - Building Capacity and Enrollment

- Gilles-Sweet Elementary School was designed as a PK-6 elementary school. It currently houses grades 1- 5
- Gilles-Sweet was built with specially designed classrooms for Kindergarten that Parkview does not currently have. (larger square foot classrooms, carpeted areas, and bathrooms in each room)
- Gilles-Sweet has seen an average yearly 4.93% decline in enrollment over the past five years (2017-2022).
- Kindergarten has seen an average yearly 1.37% decline in enrollment over the past five years(2017-2022).

***Gilles-Sweet has the space to accommodate Kindergarten**



Rationale #2- Cost Savings & Efficiencies

- Saves administrative salaries by consolidating elementary students into one building
- Provides staffing flexibility to adjust to changing enrollment patterns
- Transportation routing would be improved, alleviating occupancy congestion and reducing operational costs
- Increase specialized services without additional staff : reduced travel time for specialist teachers (art, music, PE, and library). Utilizes shared services for students who need additional supports: counseling, speech therapy, occupational therapy, and special education services
- Eliminate redundancies in curriculum materials by consolidating to one building



Rationale #3- Teaching and Learning

- Curriculum alignment and professional collaboration among teaching staff in grades K-5
- Kindergarten students at Gilles-Sweet would qualify for Title I Services.
- Integration with older grades would facilitate smoother transitions for students as they progress through different grade levels
- Opportunities for cross curricular units and shared experiences with older students
- Data sharing and assessment to address student supports
- Increased access to enrichment activities: clubs, activities, special events



Rationale #4- Expansion of Preschool/Daycare

- The transition of Kindergarten would allow space for the expansion of daycare/preschool options for families
- Affordable daycare and preschool programs provide young children with opportunities to learn essential academic and social skills
- Expand early literacy and numeracy opportunities for students
- Provide support and workforce opportunities for working parents
- Nutrition and health access
- Community building



Questions?

