



- ***Full Day Kindergarten Boosts Student Achievement.***
- ***Full-Day Kindergarten Improves Students' Social and Emotional Skills.***
- ***Full-Day Kindergarten Is a Sound Educational Investment.***
- ***Full-day kindergarten enables teachers to assess students' needs and abilities more effectively, leading to early intervention.***

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**On March 8, please vote to  
SUPPORT FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN  
Article #11**



**CAN WE COUNT ON  
YOUR SUPPORT FOR  
FULL-DAY  
KINDERGARTEN  
IN NORTHWOOD?**



### **The Benefits of Full-Day Kindergarten:**

- Participating in full-day (kindergarten) eases the transition to first grade, helping children adapt to the demands of a six-hour school day.
- A longer school day offers more flexibility and more time to do activities during free-choice times.
- Having more time makes kindergarten less stressful and frustrating for children because they have time to develop interests and activities more fully.
- Participating in the full-day schedule allows more appropriate challenges for children at all developmental levels.
- Children with developmental delays or those “at-risk” of experiencing school problems have more time for completing projects and for needed socializing with peers and teachers.
- More advanced students have time to complete long-term projects.
- Having full-day kindergarten assists parents with child care.

*Source: Sherrill Martinez and Lue Ann Snider, Summary of Research: Full-Day Kindergarten, citing James Elicker and S. Mathur's study, "What do they do all day?"*

## **K**indergarten is a magical time in a child's life.

During kindergarten, children learn to get along with each other, they discover the joy and challenge of reading and writing, and they learn what it means to be in school.

We know that kindergarten is a key “bridge year” for children—a year for children to move from unstructured play and early learning to the more structured learning environment of formal schooling.

For children to grow and thrive in kindergarten, they need a few very simple things: they need care and attention from their teacher and education support professionals; they need developmentally appropriate activities that

engage them as young learners; and they need time to process information and to move between activities.

**Quality full-day kindergarten programs ensure that children have the time and attention they need from their teachers to be successful learners.**

Kindergarten teachers prefer full-day kindergarten to half-day kindergarten. Studies show that parents prefer full-day kindergarten as well.

**We are asking for your vote on March 8th to support these views and provide resources to ensure that quality full-day kindergarten programs are available to every child in Northwood.**



**VOTE “YES” on Article #11  
March 8th**

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844 First NH Turnpike  
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Polls open 7:00 am to 7:00 pm