SIOUX FALLS SCHOOL BOARD
November 4, 2026 3:00 PM

Instructional Planning Center
201 East 38th Street, Sioux Falls

Nan Kelly
President

Dr. James Nold
Superintendent

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Public Input on Work Session Agenda Items
3. GreatLIFES's PLAYEverything and Character Matters
4. Junior Kindergarten Implementation for Fall 2027
5. Board Member Committe Updates
6. Adjournment

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GreatLIFE's Character Matters and PLAY Everything

Board Work Session - November 4, 2026

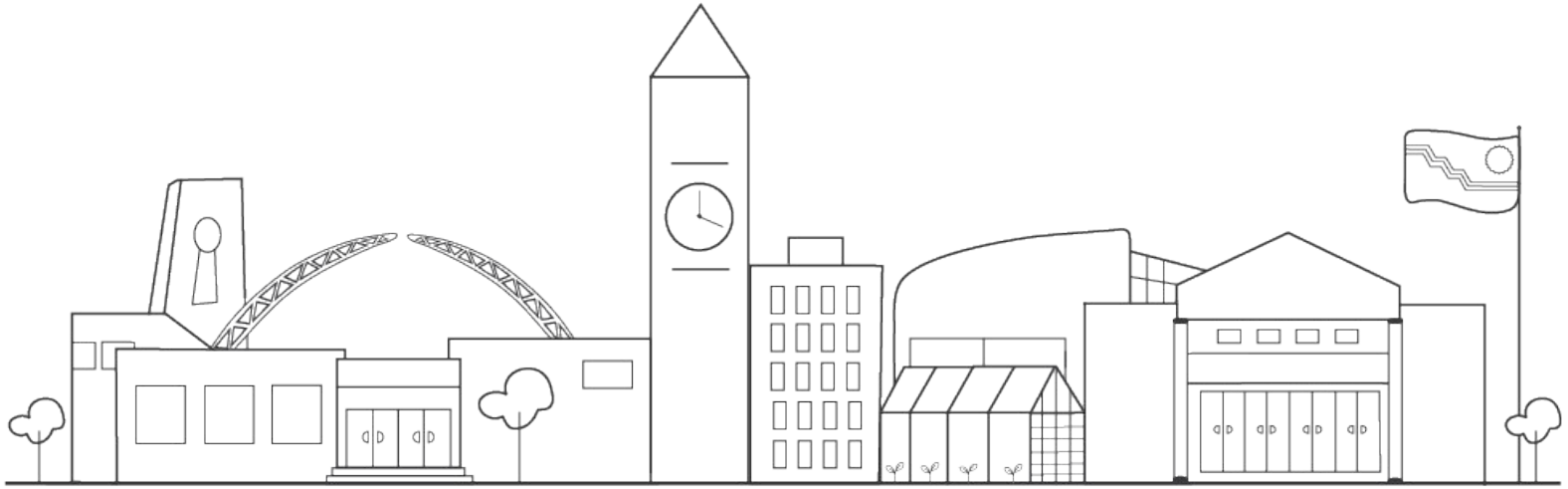


Welcome and Introduction

Dr. Nold

Our Kids. Our Future.

The Power of Partnerships



GreatLIFE CARES

- TeamMates
- Youth Entrepreneur Programs
- GMMS CTE Pilot
- Character Matters
- PLAY Everything



PLAY Everything Video



GreatLIFE CARES FOUNDATION

Tom Walsh Sr.

A Heart for Kids



PLAY

GL PLAYEverything Foundation

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Our Purpose: Show students the connectivity and fundamentals of sports and reinforce character values.

GL PLAYEVERYTHING FOUNDATION

Program History & Growth

2019 – HOW IT STARTED

- Started in partnership with George McGovern Middle School, where there was a need for more structure within their ASP (After-School Program).
- Introduced a soccer program led by a Dakota Alliance and Sioux Falls Christian soccer coach.
- Met with the principals at Lowell and Hawthorne to explore bringing programming to their schools before the school day begins.

GROWING THE PROGRAM

- Expanded programming to include soccer, volleyball, football, and basketball from October through May.
- Grew organically and intentionally, prioritizing quality over quantity to ensure the program was making a meaningful difference for students.
- Focused on building a program that genuinely benefited students rather than expanding simply for the sake of growth.

WHERE WE ARE TODAY

- Now serves Title I schools throughout the district, offering programming before, during, and after school.
- Has evolved from a small, school-specific program into a broader partnership focused on meeting the needs of students across the community.
- Other partner programs include Westside Christian, VOA, Boys & Girls Club, TeamMates Mentoring, Stand Together's Youth Entrepreneurs, Character Matters and Launch Humanity.

OUR FOCUS & IMPACT



ADDRESSING TODAY'S STUDENT NEEDS

- We are seeing greater challenges with students' social and emotional development, including communication, relationship-building, and navigating challenges.
- With the ease of access to technology, creating opportunities for meaningful, in-person interaction and relationship-building is increasingly important.



A GREATER FOCUS ON TIER 2 SUPPORT

- Today, we place a strong emphasis on Tier 2 supplementation, providing additional support to students who may benefit from more targeted instruction and mentorship.
- We work with students on both sport-specific skills and their social and emotional development.
- Our goal is to help students build confidence, develop relationships, navigate challenges, and grow both on and off the court or field.

WHAT MAKES PLAYEVERYTHING SPECIAL

Sports Are the Hook
Character Development Is the Impact.



SPORTS, FITNESS, AND NUTRITION GET STUDENTS EXCITED AND ENGAGED.



THE DEEPER IMPACT COMES FROM THE RELATIONSHIPS WE BUILD AND THE LIFE SKILLS WE TEACH.



THROUGH OUR PROGRAMMING, STUDENTS DEVELOP CHARACTER, CONFIDENCE, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SKILLS, TEAMWORK, AND COMMUNICATION.



THE STRENGTH OF OUR PARTNERSHIP COMES FROM GOING BEYOND TEACHING SPORTS SKILLS TO INVESTING IN THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF EACH STUDENT.

THE FUTURE

Develop the Character Matters program to provide curriculum for music and fine arts programs since sports may only impact 30 – 40% of students.

Our mission is to empower students to become the best version of themselves by fostering their growth of key life skills through the teaching of sport, fitness and nutrition.

CHARACTER MATTERS

Win the Inside Scoreboard

Start impacting your school and community.

PROMOTE CHARACTER, TODAY!

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All 13 CQs: $225.00

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CHARACTER QUALITIES (CQs)

Character Produces Results and Maintains Excellence. Be the List.

Prepare	**"Be Ready"** To make (something) ready for use or consideration.
Love	**"Be Devoted"** to sacrifice oneself to benefit another. A deep passion for something that cannot be deterred by circumstance.
Attitude	**"Be Willing"** A way of thinking or feeling about something reflected by a person's behavior.
You vs. You	**"Be Honest"** your biggest battle is with yourself. Focusing on becoming a better version of yourself daily.
Integrity	**"Be Good"** Having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided.
Teachable	**"Be Sharp"** Able to leam/improve by being taught.
Faithful	**"Be Steadfast"** Remaining loyal or steadfast to a commitment.
Overcome	**"Be Responsive"** To succeed in dealing with a problem or difficulty.
Responsible	**"Be Solid"** having an obligation to do something something as part of one's job, role or to a commitment.
Wisdom	**"Be Aware"** The quality of applying experience, knowledge and good judgement.
Attentive	**"Be Alert"** Paying close attention to something; to be mindful.
Resilient	**"Be Adaptable"** Able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions.
Determined	**"Be Decisive"** Having made a firm decision and being resolved not to change it.

CHARACTER MATTERS

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Current Programming

Character Matters and PLAY Everything

Rebecca Wimmer and Paul Keizer

- Elementary After-School
- Elementary Before-School
- Middle After-School





Closing Comments and Questions

Dr. Nold

Junior Kindergarten Implementation for Fall 2027

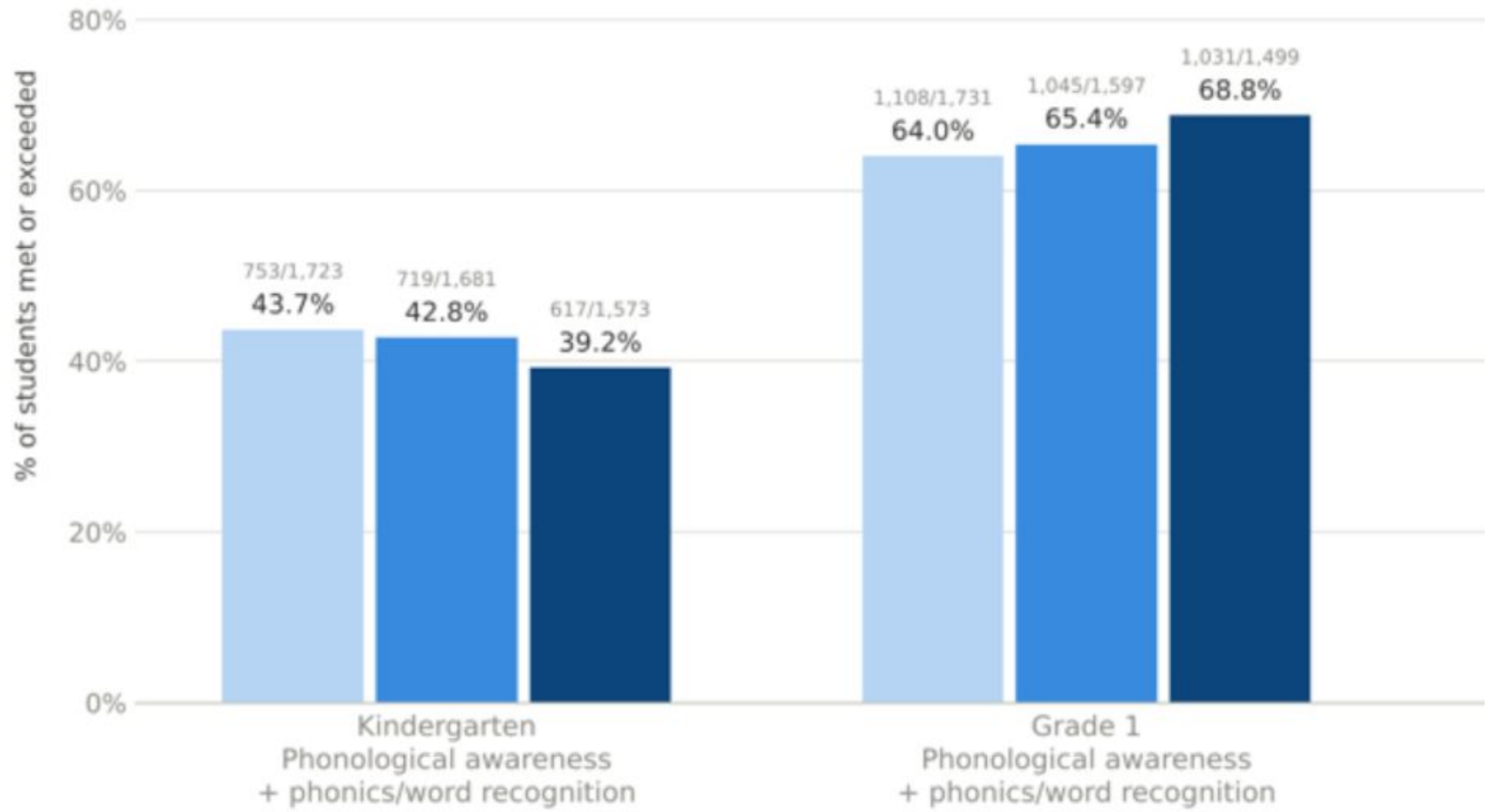



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Our current Junior Kindergarten programs in the SFSD



Why the need for change?



What does it mean to be “Kindergarten” ready?

Kindergarten readiness extends beyond knowing letters, numbers, or how to write a name.

It includes

- social-emotional development,
- language and communication,
- early literacy and mathematics,
- approaches to learning,
- physical development, and
- independence.





A Day in the Life of a Junior Kindergartner

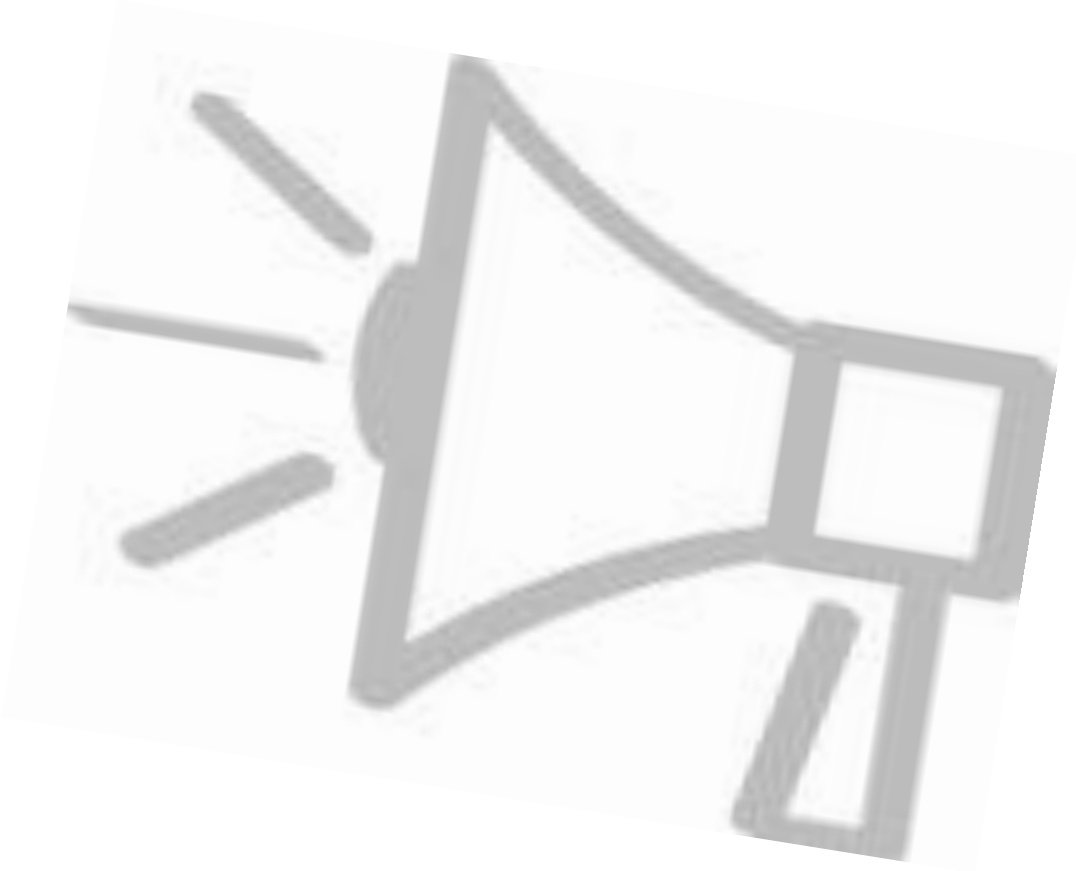
Identifying students who would benefit most from Junior Kindergarten

JFK (Jr. Kdg. Academy)

38% District Average, 44% State Average

Hayward (Title 1)	Marcella LeBeau
Garfield (Title 1)	Robert Frost (Jr. Kdg. Academy)
Hawthorne (Title 1)	SBA
LBA (Title 1)	Eugene Field
Cleveland (Title 1)	Anne Sullivan (Title 1)
Terry Redlin (Title 1)	Rosa Parks
Lowell (Title 1)	Oscar Howe

Registration



Board Report Follow Up

March 2027