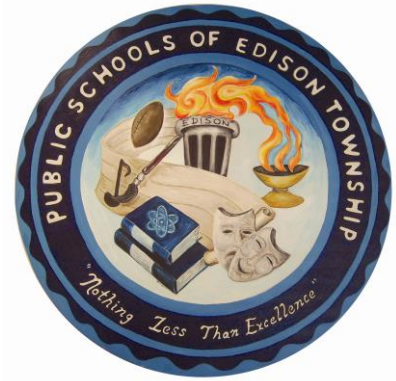


PRESS RELEASE

Public Schools of Edison Township
Bernard F. Bragen, Jr., Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
732-452-4961
bernard.bragen@edison.k12.nj.us



February 16, 2022

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Edison Township Public Schools Presents Full-Day Kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year

EDISON, NEW JERSEY – Edison Township Public Schools will present full-day kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year.

Twelve years after statewide budget cuts forced the district to adopt a half-day Kindergarten program, Edison Township Public Schools has announced at its Board of Education Meeting on February 15, 2022, that it will return to a full-day program. The decision was made based on years of research that supports the academic and social-emotional benefits of full-day Kindergarten, and consideration of the relief for taxpayers in paying for childcare. Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Bernard F. Bragen, Jr. stated, “We are excited to return to full-day kindergarten. The long-term student benefits of full-day Kindergarten will have profound impact on the children of our community. As a school district, the addition of full-day Kindergarten to our comprehensive educational programs moves us closer to our goal of enabling all our students to reach their optimum potential.” Returning to full-day Kindergarten has been a long-standing goal for the district, and is anticipated to be well received by the entire school community. In support of the change, Board President Douglas Schneider commented “The strength of the public schools in Edison Township is often cited as a reason people move here and stay here to raise a family. It is exciting to finally offer our residents access to full-day kindergarten to align with the many studies proving that full-day instruction at a young age bolsters future academic performance.”

The district is currently adapting its current Kindergarten curriculum since the extended day will allow for a depth of content that was impossible with a half-day program. In addition, the transition of students entering first grade in a full-day program will be eliminated, says Baninder Mahabir, Chief Academic Officer for Elementary. “Typically, we spend the first two months of the school year allowing students to build stamina for a full day, and to adjust to the routines of school. The move to a full day in Kindergarten, not only gives us more time for instruction but also significantly impacts the beginning of the school year for students going into first grade.”

The Edison Public School District is the fifth largest school district in the state approaching 17,000 students in grades PreK-12 across 19 schools. Graduates of the Edison Public Schools regularly attend some of the prestigious universities in the country and many have excelled in careers ranging from astrophysics to the performing arts.

Families with children who turn five prior to October 1st, 2022, will be eligible for full-day Kindergarten and can register through the Edison Township Public Schools [website](#). Proof of age and residency will be required.

###

Nothing Less Than Excellence