

RSU 5 Early Childhood Education Task Force – Meeting #3 Agenda

Date: Thursday, December 18, 2025

Time: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Location: Durham Community School Cafeteria

1. Welcome and Opening (5:30–5:35) Re-introductions

2. Review of Prior Decisions (5:35–5:45)

- Summary of key conclusions from Meeting #2
 - Decision to join Cohort 3 for the 2026–2027 school year
 - Clarified parameters (four-year-olds only; full-day questions held for later; three-year-olds and Child Find costs excluded from this phase)
- Confirmation that the group has a shared understanding before reviewing models

3. Presentation of Cohort 3 Models (5:45–6:15)

Presented by Administration:

- Review of the proposed service models for four-year-olds
- Overview of:
 - Staffing implications
 - Space and facilities considerations
 - Responsibilities under Cohort 3 (evaluations, case management, services for enrolled and unenrolled students)
 - Financial impacts, including Child Count and allocation funding
- Opportunity for clarifying questions

4. Discussion of Models & Decision on Preferred Model (6:15–7:00)

- Roundtable discussion of strengths, challenges, and feasibility of each model
- Identification of key decision criteria
- Consensus process to select the model the task force will recommend
- Confirmation of the model selected

5. Next Steps and Recommendation to the Board (7:00–7:15)

- Discuss whether a fourth meeting is necessary
 - If **no additional meeting is needed**:
 - Finalize language for the recommendation to the RSU 5 Board of Directors
 - Identify any supporting materials needed for the January 14 board meeting
 - If **another meeting is required**, it will be at Freeport Middle School (in the library), Wednesday, January 7, 5:30 - 7:30
- Review expectations for presenting to the Board on January 14
- Confirm which task force members will attend that Board meeting

6. Closing (7:15–7:30)

- Final thoughts, questions, and considerations
- Feedback on the Task Force process thus far