



# Space Family Education Inc. Board of Directors Presentation

## Kindergarten Poll Results

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# Kindergarten Poll Background

- Due to low enrollments in JSC CCC Kindergarten and a recognized need for additional space in the younger rooms, last Summer the board kicked off an investigation as to whether the limited space at JSC CCC was being properly allocated to best serve the membership.
- The “Kindergarten Poll” was distributed to the full membership including those both on the wait list and currently enrolled to solicit feedback on the issue.
- The poll WAS NOT an official vote for or against retaining Kindergarten at JSC CCC that would result in a format change. The poll findings are being considered as a piece of a larger supply/demand study.



# Kindergarten Poll Demographics

<i>Demographic</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>#</i>
Civil Servants	68%	124
Contractors	32%	58
On-Site	92%	167
Off-Site	8%	15
On wait list	44%	80
Not on wait list	56%	102
Multiple children on wait list	7%	13
One or less child on wait list	93%	169
Child enrolled	62%	113
No child enrolled	38%	69
Multiple children enrolled	18%	32
One or less children enrolled	82%	150

***Total Number of Respondents = 182 (~72% of Membership)***



# Kindergarten Poll Key Result

Do you favor keeping or eliminating Kindergarten?

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Staff</u>
– I favor keeping Kindergarten	64%	89%
– I favor eliminating Kindergarten	36%	11%

Observation: *With good participation from a diverse subset of the membership (see previous page), a clear majority of the membership favors keeping the Kindergarten program at JSC CCC.*



# Kindergarten Poll Other Findings

**If you favor keeping Kindergarten, which of the following reasons influenced your decision (check all that apply – total percentage will be greater than 100%):**

Quality of educational experience available at the CCC	97	20%
Proximity to parents' work	92	19%
After-hours care provided in tuition	82	17%
Already planning to stay for Kindergarten	66	13%
Convenience of having multiple children in the same facility	51	10%
Desire to keep options open	47	9%
Desire to postpone transition to elementary school	46	9%
Other	15	3%



# Kindergarten Poll Other Findings

**If you favor eliminating Kindergarten, which of the following reasons influenced your decision (check all that apply):**

Shortening the time spent on the waiting list	61	28%
Availability of other options for Kindergarten	39	18%
Smaller range of ages in the younger classes	32	15%
Desire to begin transition to public school ASAP	31	14%
Quality of education available at other Kindergartens	25	12%
Proximity of parents' work (for spots created for younger children)	22	10%
Other	6	3%



# Kindergarten Poll Other Findings

**Do you plan to use the Kindergarten if it is available?**

Yes – 57% (99)      No – 43% (74)

**If No, Indicate why you do NOT plan to use the Kindergarten (check all that apply)**

Free public Kindergarten	41	26%
Availability of other options for Kindergarten	36	23%
Desire to begin transition to elementary school ASAP	35	22%
Quality of education available at other facilities	23	14%
Convenience of having multiple children at another facility	12	8%
Other	13	8%



# Kindergarten Poll Other Findings

**If you have a child enrolled, would you have enrolled your child at the CCC if you knew Kindergarten would not be available later?**

Yes - 57% (101)

No - 9% (15)

N/A - 33% (59)

**If you are on the waiting list, would you enroll your child at the CCC if you know that Kindergarten will not be available later?**

Yes - 50% (73)

No - 10% (15)

N/A - 40% (59)

**If you have multiple children enrolled at the CCC, would you withdraw your younger child if Kindergarten weren't available for your older child?**

Yes – 5% (8)

No – 30% (50)

N/A – 57% (94)

Undecided 8% (13)

**Observation: Only a small percentage of existing SFEI members would be lost if K were not available.**



# Kindergarten Poll Other Findings

If you will be enrolling in Kindergarten, beginning in August of what year(s)?

2007	37	34%
2008	28	26%
2009	21	19%
2010	10	9%
2011	12	11%

***Observation: According to the poll, there is no near-term concern with filling the Kindergarten class (student cap = 20). However, a “vote” that the Kindergarten will be used does not commit the member . The call is out for pre-registration for Kindergarten 2007. Non-refundable deposits will be due in January 2007. Only after money is collected, will we have a better idea how full our 2007 Kindergarten class will be without further recruiting. However, the result will not be definitive. Members can still withdraw if they are willing to lose their deposit.***



# Kindergarten Poll Other Findings

**Would you be willing to commit to using the Kindergarten 10 months before the start of the school year and put down a significant, non-refundable deposit (for instance, \$145 1st week's tuition as well as the currently required \$80 materials)?**

Yes – 86% (84)      No – 14% (14)

**If your child was enrolled in Kindergarten and the class was not full, would you be willing to pay a higher tuition cost if required?**

Yes – 64% (61)      No – 36% (35)

*Observation: The majority of families interested in K are willing to enroll early, put down a non-refundable deposit and pay a higher tuition if the class were not full.*



# Kindergarten Poll Outcome

- The board viewed the poll responses as a mandate by the membership to retain the Kindergarten program, at least in the near term, and the decision was made to keep the Kindergarten program for the 2007-2008 school year.
- The board will continue to review and assess the data collected on the subject to verify that keeping the Kindergarten program in subsequent years both meets the needs of the membership and assures fiscal stability.
- Data collected on the Kindergarten issue will be assembled into a board report and made available to the SFEI membership and staff.