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Dear Families -

I want to let you know about a very exciting opportunity here at Jacques - the possibility of **full day kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year!**

There will be a warrant article on the ballot in March for a **self-funded**, full day kindergarten pilot program at Jacques. If it passes, we will be offering a full day program for 80 students in addition to our regular half day morning and afternoon programs. The anticipated cost of the program is \$510/child/month. **The program will not increase the school budget and will come at no extra cost to taxpayers.** Financial assistance will be available for those who qualify, using income guidelines similar to those used for free and reduced lunch.

The full day pilot program will include everything offered in the half day program, along with enrichment activities and structured play. In addition to the same academic curriculum taught during the half day, children will also have lunch, recess, art, music, physical education and computer. Full day students will be able to ride the bus to and from school.

Due to the possibility of this new program, **our kindergarten registration procedure will be different this year.** Registration will begin on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017**, with open registration at Jacques from 6:00 - 7:30 pm that evening. At that time, you will be asked to indicate your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices from the available sessions: Full day, Half day AM, and Half day PM. If the warrant article passes, 80 children will be placed in the full day pilot program. If there are more than 80 requests for full day, placement will be determined by lottery. If the warrant article does not pass, only morning and afternoon half day programs will be offered. In that case, if there are more requests for either the morning or afternoon sessions than there are spaces available, that will require a lottery as well. Parents will be informed of their child's session after the March vote.

Registration packets are available online at www.jms.milfordk12.org. Hard copies are available at Jacques. Completed registration packets must be returned to the Jacques office by **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10th**, in order to be considered for the lotteries. **Registration packets that are not fully completed, with all required accompanying documentation, cannot be accepted.** Registrations received after February 10th will be placed on a waiting list if the preferred session is full. If you have questions about the registration process, please call the school office at 673-4434.

We are excited at the prospect of offering a full day experience for kindergarten students at Jacques and are hopeful that the Milford community will pass this **self-funded** program on Tuesday, March 14th!

Sincerely,

Nancy Maguire
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