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Dear OSSD Community,

We want to once again thank the community for its support during the budget process and to update you on the progress the district is making towards two of its larger initiatives: the pre-school program at Brookfield and the elementary trauma program.

### Brookfield Pre School

After reviewing the pre-school survey conducted by the elementary principals and discussing the results with the Brookfield community on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will establish programming that aligns with the needs identified through those forums.

- Childcare (self-paid) for three to four year olds (pre-school aged), see orange blocks below.
- Public pre-school (district-paid), see purple blocks below.
- An afterschool program (self-paid) for ages five and up (because of their age relative to state regulations, three and four year olds cannot participate in the afterschool program), see green blocks below.

Programming is modeled on the same fee structure as Braintree's and is dependent on our ability to find qualified staff. The YMCA had expressed interest in running the afterschool program, but those plans have fallen through – their ability to serve in this capacity was dependent on a private grant which they did not receive this year.

Because the age of pre-school students precludes them from participating in the afterschool program, the district will examine the creation of extended child care for three and four year olds that would run concurrently with the afterschool program. Final determination will be based on enrollment in the morning childcare program as well as community feedback during the first half of 2019-2020.

Further information as this program develops will come from the Braintree and Brookfield principals. Our goal is to expand public (district-paid) pre-school over the next several years, in order to do that, it is imperative that folks take full advantage of what we are offering so that we can continue to justify the need to expand.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
07:30 - 12:00	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange
12:00 - 02:30	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Orange
02:30 - 05:30	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
12 Students	3,4 Childcare				
18 (20) Students	Free Public Pre School				
26 Students	K-6 Afterschool Prgm				

### Elementary Program for Students of Trauma

The elementary program for students of trauma which will be housed at Randolph Elementary is a districtwide program – meaning that it will serve students from all three elementary schools based on prioritized need. As each school year draws to a close, student support staff hold end-of-year meetings for all students who are on an educational plan (IEP, 504, RTI/MTSS) to review both progress and on-going needs. As a part of this process, students who are a good fit for the trauma program will be identified; based upon the severity of their need (and the program’s ability to properly serve them) they will be invited to participate.

Students invited from Brookfield or Braintree come with the understanding that they will complete their elementary years at Randolph. The success of a therapeutic environment depends heavily upon routine and the creation of a strong, trusting relationship with the faculty, something which would be severely damaged if a student bounces back-and-forth between RES and their home school.

The program is currently in full development, more information will be provided by the elementary principals as critical milestones are reached.

Most Sincerely,

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OSSD Superintendent