

First and Last Name	Public Comment for the September 2, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting
Maria Zeller Brauer	I strongly support the option of full day kindergarten in D25. I am the parent of a D25 student and would have loved the opportunity to send my child to full day kindergarten in the district, even if that meant that I paid a fee. Research has found that children who attended for a full day had better academic outcomes the following year, more self-confidence, and were better at playing with others. While I understand that full day kindergarten is not best for all families, I strongly believe that families should have the option in D25. Thank you for considering this option.
Ryann Uden	Please start a plan to implement all day Kindergarten in District 25. If we are committed to an inclusive community and school district, we must find a way to provide full day Kindergarten. Many families chose not to move to Arlington Heights because of the lack of all day Kindergarten, and many families don't have the resources to provide additional daycare resources or pay for private school tuition. Full day kindergarten would be more equitable for all.
Stacy Pacilio	I am a huge believer in half day Kindergarten at 5 years old and feel it offers a very balanced day for the age. I also support adding full day Kindergarten for families that need it. You will get a good amount more families enrolled at the Kindergarten level if you add full day because they use the Catholic schools for full day already and then transfer.nit is a valuable addition as long as it remains an addition and half day option remains.
Dio Delfino	Any chance Kindergarten class hours be for the same hours as the grade school's?
Lori Martin	As the administration and Board consider this issue, I ask that they strongly weigh what educational benefits, if any, full day kindergarten would provide compared to the already robust half-day program and weigh that against the financial cost (building, personnel, etc) of offering a full day program. And, is it possible to partner with the park district to provide more of a full day program for those parents who may need it for work reasons or other reasons (including transporting students from the school to a park district site). Thank you.
Nathan Ulery	Thank you for reversing your decision on optional masking and complying with the Governor's mandate. To the extent that you consider optional masking again, we expect that you explicitly inform the public in advance and take into account the community's concerns. We also expect that you continue to follow the spirit of the relevant health and education board guidance going forward. While wearing masks in school is an inconvenience, it is a critical component of the mitigation strategies being used in school . The goal is to keep our children in the classroom safely. As we can see by other school districts with optional masking across the nation who have had significant quarantines or have altogether shut down, masking is an important mitigation tool to ensure safety of our children, teachers and staff, as well as ensure continuity of our children's education.