

Town Meeting Information Night

Understanding the School Budget Proposal



Why is Pre-K in the Proposal?

- Ongoing conversations: Changing needs of our youngest students
- A year of research: Should we do pre-K? If so, what do we need to do?
- Strategic Planning Process: Input gathered from community stakeholders
- Research conclusions
 - We can do this at a cost that makes it worth it.
 - We have a chance to do it really well.
- Strategic planning conclusions
 - Goal 1: Create a therapeutic Pre-K option

New Opportunity Influences Timeline and Location

- In the summer, Elm Hill was named a “Comprehensive Needs” School
 - Flukey identification
- Comes with \$200,000 a year for three years to be used only at Elm Hill
 - 2019-2020
 - 2020-2021
 - 2021-2022
- Opens up possibility of getting started earlier and in a more robust way



Early Intervention is Critical

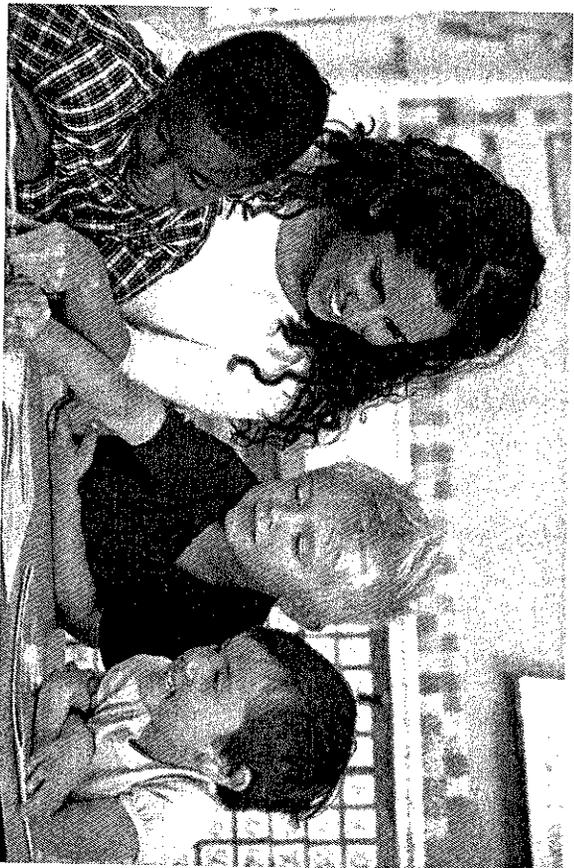
When intervention is delayed, it takes 4 times as long to intervene in fourth grade as it does in late Kindergarten because of brain development and because of the increase in content for students to learn as they grow older.

- National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

*Just imagine if intervention started in the
Preschool years.*



Public Pre-K Program



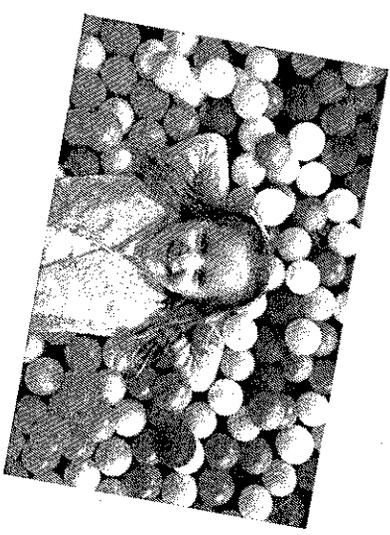
Same Day / Same Calendar

- 2 Classrooms
- 1 Therapy room
- 1 Specials room
- 1 Extended room care
- Year 1 – serving 30 students
- Year 2 – potentially serving an additional 15 students
- Classrooms will incorporate Special Education services to all students throughout the day

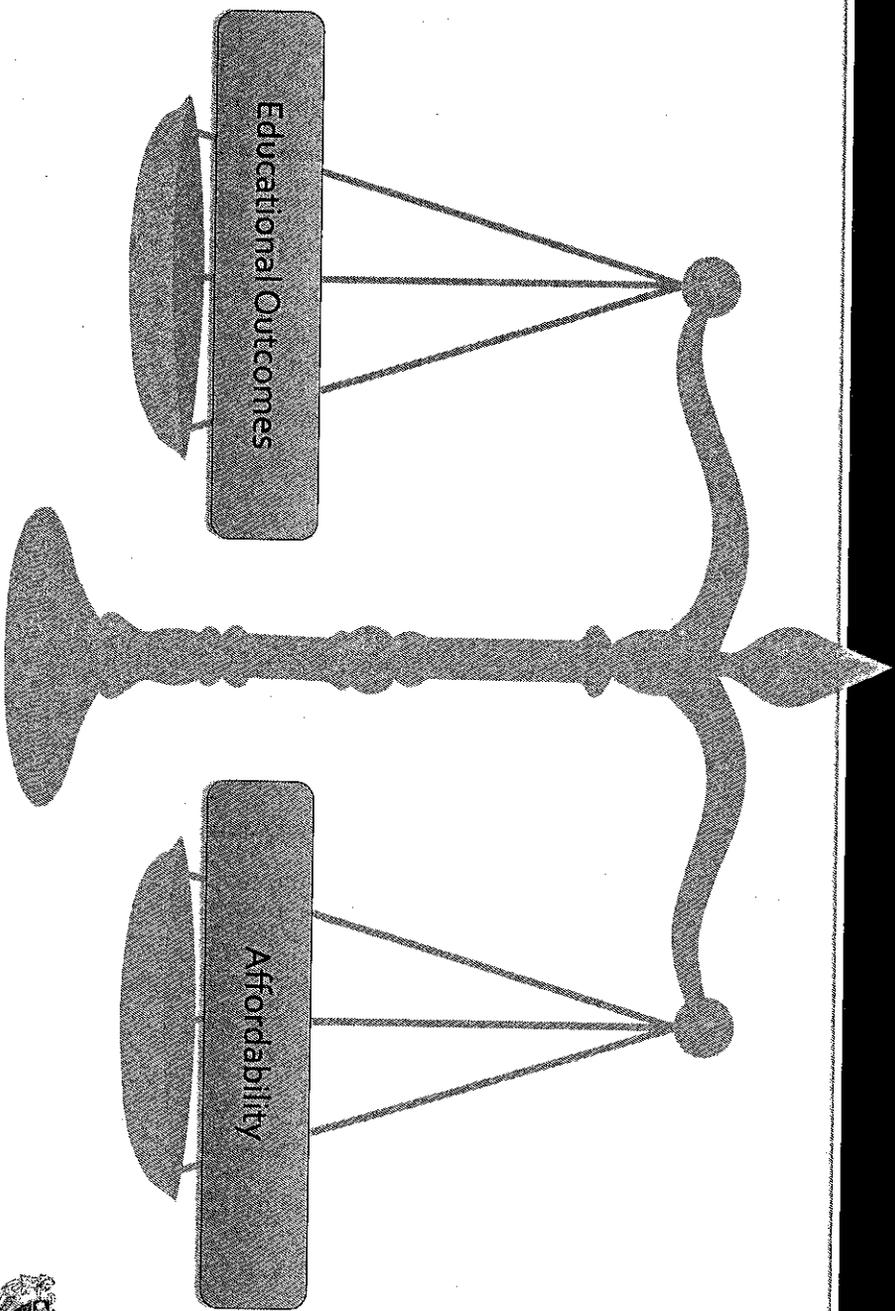
Extended Care Partnership

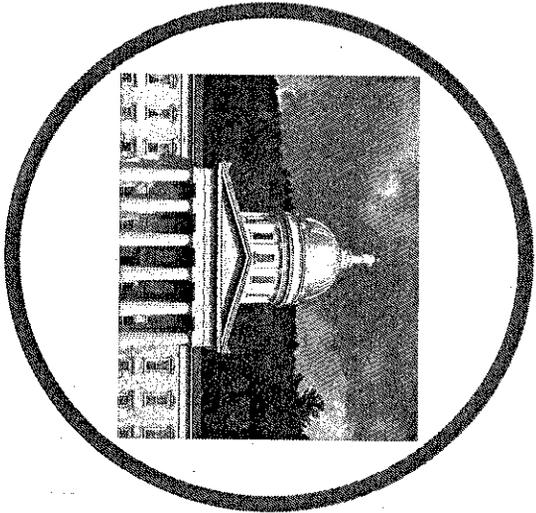
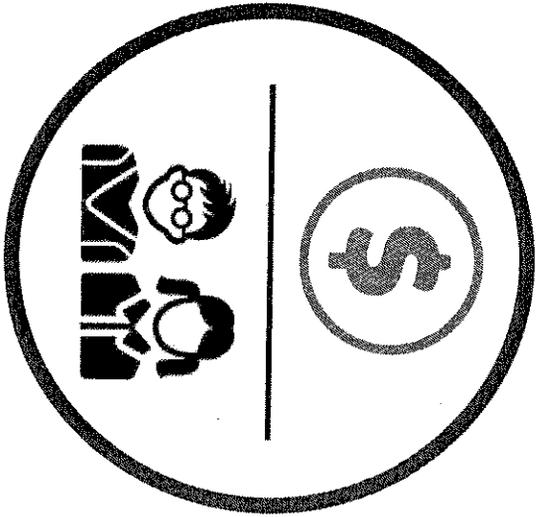
Partnership will ensure viability and sustainability by offering:

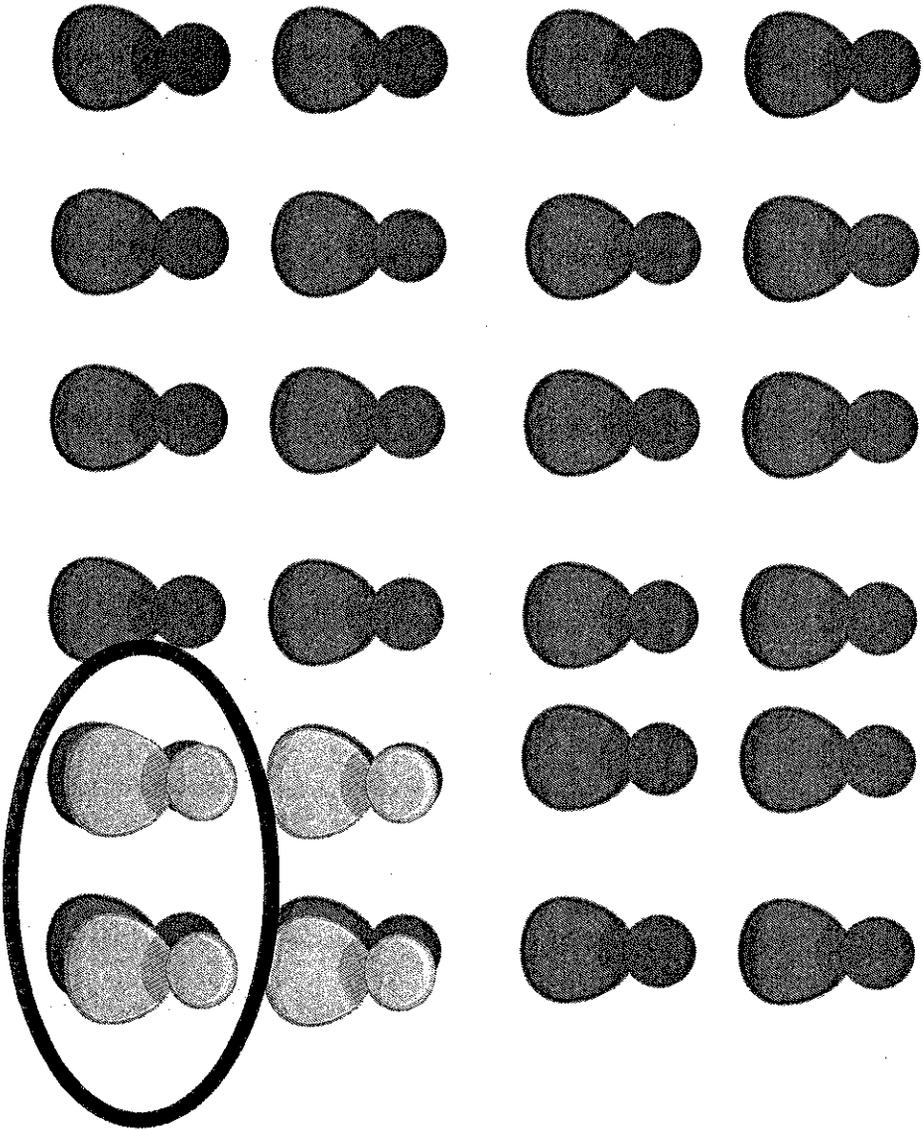
- AM & PM extended care
- School vacation, snow days and some holiday care
- Summer vacation care



Our Task







Internal Savings Potential

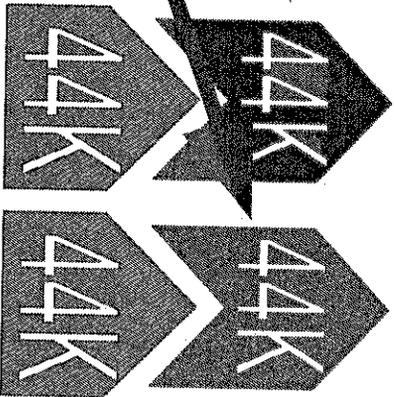
Cumulative Savings: \$920,000

Year One



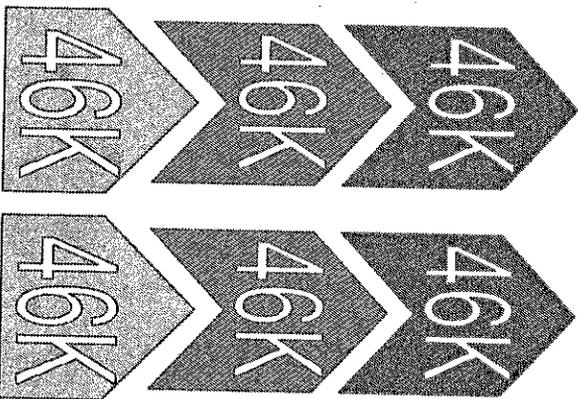
\$84,000 Savings

Year Two



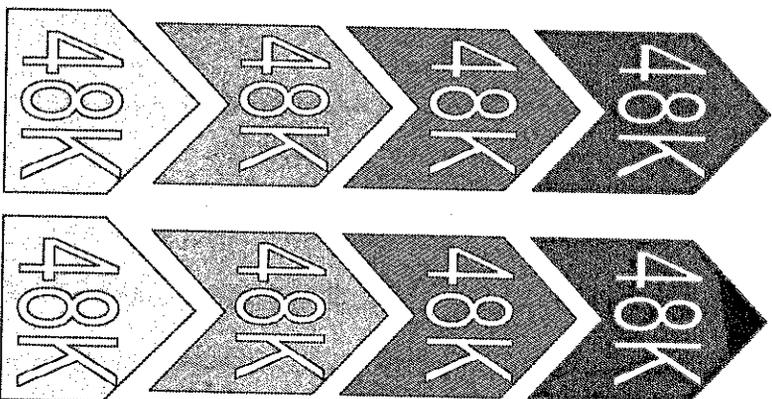
\$176,000 Savings

Year Three

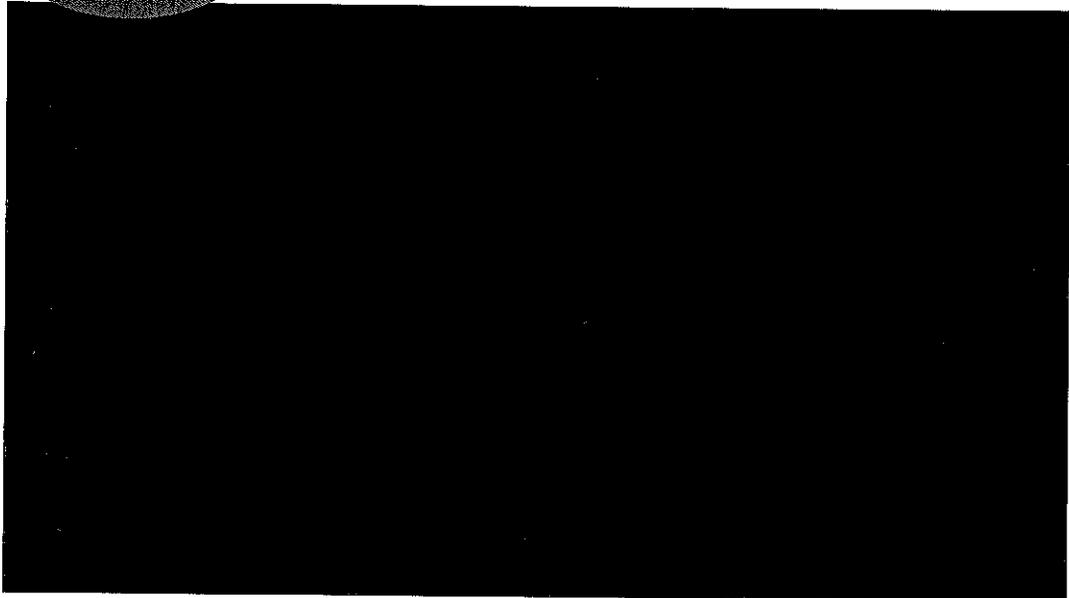
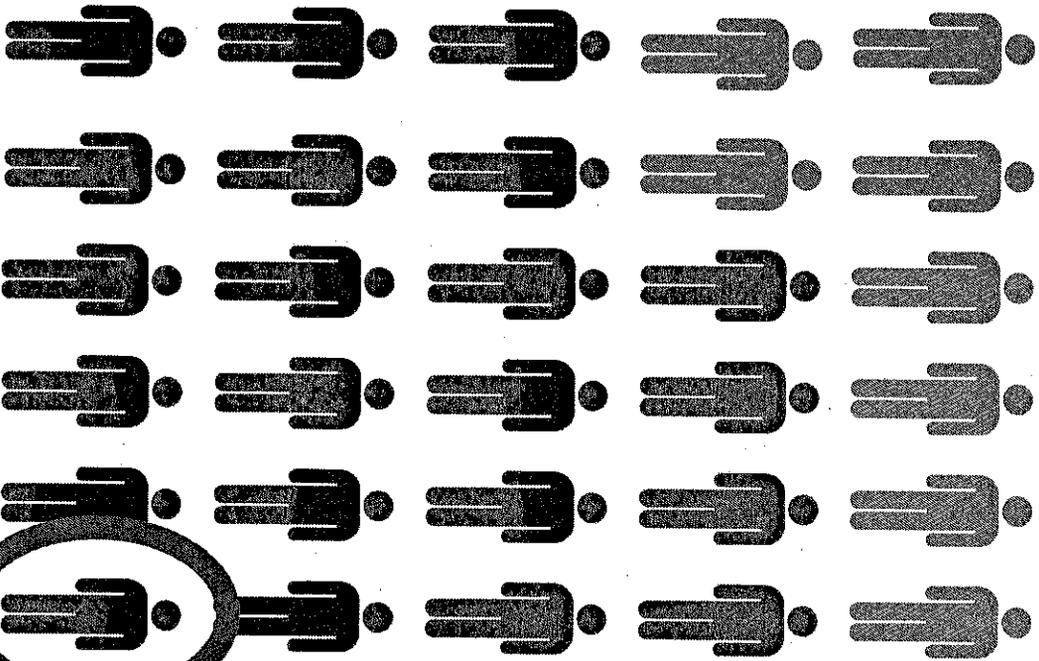
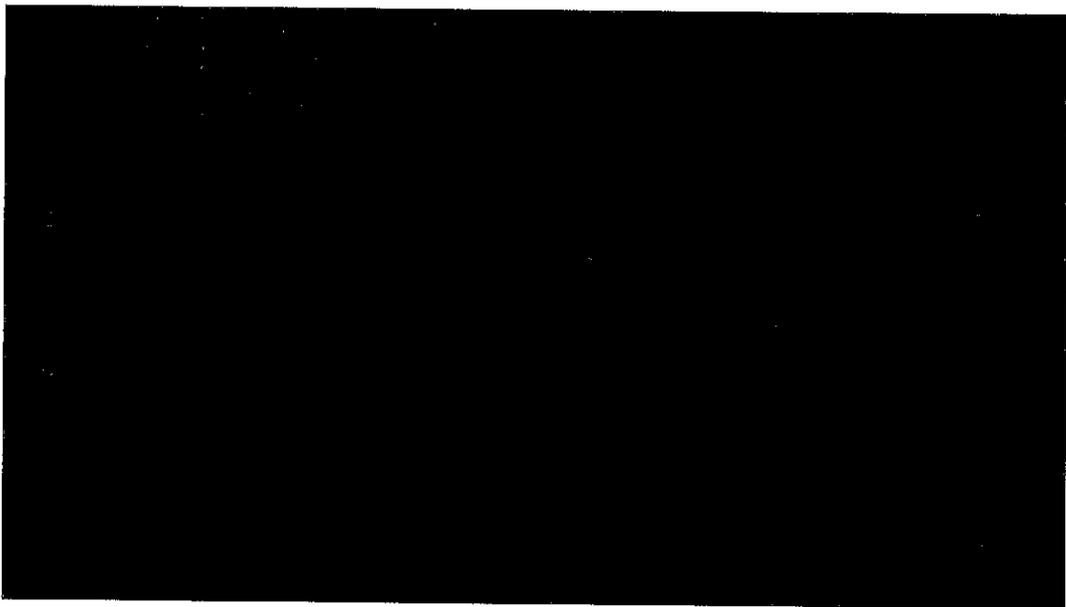


\$276,000 Savings

Year Four



\$384,000 Savings



Internal Savings Potential

Cumulative Savings:
\$1,544,000

Year One

140K

\$140,000
Savings

Year Two

147K

147K

\$294,000
Savings

Year Three

154K

154K

154K

\$462,000
Savings

Year Four

162K

162K

162K

162K

\$648,000
Savings

Questions??

