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CI Kindergarten Sections BCIC Follow Up

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Dear BCIC,

Thank you for your email. We have responded to your questions below in blue font.

- **When and how will the final decision** on the number of CI kindergarten sections be made? *We continue to monitor and adjust the number of sections for our general education and district programs throughout the spring and summer months. Typically, sections are finalized by the end of July or the beginning of August.*
 - More specifically, **will the number of sections be discussed, decided or announced at the May 20 Board of Education meeting?** *The board receives regular updates on enrollment and the number of sections during the spring and summer. At times, there may be discussion at a board meeting, but there is not one planned at this time for the May 20th meeting.*
 - How will the decision be communicated to CI families? *We will communicate with the families in July once we have a better idea of the finalized enrollment and number of sections.*
- **What is the primary factor** driving the potential reduction? *The primary factor is low enrollment.*
 - If it is enrollment, **what is the threshold** needed to support two sections? *We have class size guidelines that are utilized for elementary sections, including our district language programs. The guideline for CI and SDL is 24-26. The present enrollment in CI falls within this guideline.*
- What other programs across the district are also being similarly impacted? *The board requested that the administration review class size guidelines across the district, at all levels, to ensure that sections of general education and district programs are consistent. We are monitoring sections at elementary, middle, and high school and making adjustments where necessary.*
- **What role can BCIC play to ensure two sections** for CI kindergarten this fall, especially given there is still time for outreach and potential enrollment growth? *The district continues to advertise and promote our language programs. We welcome and support or assistance from the BCIC that could assist with these efforts.*

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