

When will the district move forward with its plans to offer pre-school as part of Wapsie Valley's educational program?

The District plans to apply for the pre-school grant through the Department of Education in the spring of 2010 so that we can begin offering that service in the fall of 2010. The grant application is fairly extensive, so we'll begin work on it during the spring and summer of 2009. The most important part of the grant application process is seeking input from various stakeholders throughout the district including current pre-school providers, parents, and daycare providers. The purpose of the grant is to provide support for current programming, expand current programming, or start a program if none exists. We still plan to offer pre-school within our district after the construction of the two buildings is complete, but we'll want to consider the perspective of multiple stakeholders as we put together our grant application and make those plans.

If the district does not receive the grant from the Department of Education, we'll still be able to offer pre-school, but the funding for the program will need to come from sources other than the Department of Ed.