

FY 2007 QUESTION NUMBER: 46

QUESTION:

Provide the report on the rationale and factors used to select the phase in of full-day kindergarten.

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ANSWER:

As part of the amendments to the FY 2003–2008 Capital Improvements Program (CIP), the Board of Education created a task force of community representatives to evaluate policy level approaches to implementing the full-day kindergarten program at all MCPS schools. A Needs-Based Index (NBI) was developed to rank schools for the implementation plan. The NBI was calculated using a combination of FARMs program participation and foundational skills for each school. The task force report, superintendent’s recommendation that explains in detail the NBI calculation, and the Board of Education action memo are attached.