

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Elementary Principals
Elementary Vice-principals

FROM: Paula Murphy
Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT **KINDERGARTEN ENTRY PROCEDURES 2015**

Background

Traditionally, kindergarten students have begun school through a staggered entry. This process facilitates the relationships that will be developed for our newest students.

Current

Kindergarten classes are to be structured in a multi-age (blended JK/K) organization. This structure for each class enhances the effective support of students socially as well as academically. It also allows for the enrolment of junior kindergarten or senior kindergarten students throughout the school year without necessitating the creation of new classes.

In addition, this organization provides the opportunity for Senior Kindergarten/Grade 1 classes to be formed when necessary.

Action

Senior Kindergarten students are to begin school on Tuesday, September 8, 2015. They are to attend continuously from this time.

All Junior Kindergarten students are to begin school on Thursday, September 10, 2015. They are to attend continuously from this time.

Ernest Cumberland E.S. – please note that the start date for Senior Kindergarten students is Monday, August 24, 2015 and Junior Kindergarten students will start on Wednesday, August 26, 2015.

Principals are to notify families through their newsletters and websites of these dates before the end of the school year.

Questions regarding this memo may be directed to Paula Murphy, Superintendent of Education (pmurphy@scdsb.on.ca or 705-734-6363 x 11811) or Julie Fisher, Executive Assistant to Superintendent Paula Murphy (jfisher@scdsb.on.ca or 705-734-6363 x 11271).

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