

Kindergarten Decision:

What is the decision?

- The decision is whether we will continue to advertise and offer a formal kindergarten program for the 2025-2026 school year and beyond.

What the decision is not:

- This is not a decision on future classroom structure and operational decisions within the childcare center.

Impacts of a discontinue vote:



- Kindergarten would no longer be an option at the Our Savior School.
- We would remove kindergarten from our advertising and program offerings
- The call for our current kindergarten teacher would be modified to remove kindergarten specific language





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Why are we bringing before the congregation?

- Several years ago, the congregation voted to keep the Kindergarten open for a minimum of 3 years
 - At the time of that decision the BOD at the time informed the congregation that it would be revisited at a future date
 - We are fulfilling the commitment made by the previous BOD to bring this back before the congregation
 - Based on Article 9 of the OSLCS Constitution decisions made by the congregation are binding and therefore any updates to that decision must be made by the congregation
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Board of directors' review process

There is full and unanimous agreement that the ministry at the school is an important part of OSLCS's mission:

To be a welcoming community, rooted in scripture, growing in faith and proclaiming Jesus is the way.



Based on that understanding all decisions were reviewed from a stewardship perspective so that we can:

- Maximize the number of students that are hearing God's word at the school

And

- Preserve long term viability of the childcare ministry
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Recommendation:

Discontinue a formal kindergarten program at Our Savior Early Childhood Center for the 2025-2026 school year and beyond.

Rationale:

- The classroom has adapted over the past years and is currently operating as a mixed kindergarten/pre-K room
- There are 3 true kindergarteners enrolled currently and none enrolled yet for future school years
- Students coming through the program generally go on to attend another year of kindergarten at a different school
- Removing the formal kindergarten gives the Early Childhood Advisory Committee, Board of Directors and staff additional flexibility in future decisions regarding classroom structure.

