

City and Borough of Juneau
ASSEMBLY FINANCE COMMITTEE
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Kinder Ready program - \$700,000

The JSD currently runs a Kinder Ready program at Harbor Elementary School, and is considering including a Valley location for the 2018-2019 school year. This proposal would expand the existing program to all elementary schools. Each school site costs approximately \$140,000.

Facts: The Kinder Ready Program provides ½ day or full day programming to 4 year olds with the goal of getting them ready to enter Kindergarten successfully. The program runs Tuesday – Friday from 8:00 – 2:30. Parents are expected to pay to have their children participate. Cost is \$200 a month for a half day spot and \$400 a day for a full day spot. Each half day session can accommodate 16 children. If the program is run as a full day program, they can accommodate 20 children. The program prioritizes families experiencing low income and scholarships are available.

Impact: 120 – 192 4 year old children will receive a preschool experience designed to develop their social, emotional, and academic skills for successful entry into kindergarten.
