Dear Parents:

The East Aurora School Board has requested that Brad Gibson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Personnel, serve as Chair of a Kindergarten Feasibility Study Committee. This Committee has been asked to study the feasibility of converting from the current half-day kindergarten to a full-day program. One task of the Committee is to gather information from parents of young children concerning their thoughts and opinions about full-day kindergarten at Parkdale Elementary School.

The Committee believes that as parents of children entering kindergarten you have special insights with regard to the academic needs of young children. Therefore, we would appreciate you taking approximately five minutes to complete the following questionnaire so that you may share your thoughts and opinions concerning full-day and half-day kindergarten.

In order for you to feel comfortable sharing your opinions, all responses to questionnaires will be anonymous. Simply put your completed survey in the attached envelope and place the sealed envelope in secure collection boxes located at Parkdale Elementary School or at your preschool or day care centers.

If you have any questions or concerns related to this questionnaire or full-day kindergarten, please contact Dr. Gibson at 716-687-2306.

Once again, the Committee values your opinions as parents of young children and would greatly appreciate you taking time to complete the following questionnaire.
Full-Day Kindergarten Feasibility Study: Parent Questionnaire
East Aurora Union Free School District

About this questionnaire: Please share your thoughts concerning half-day and full-day kindergarten

I. Children’s early educational experiences

Directions: Please mark (X) the response that best describes your child’s (or children’s) educational experiences prior to kindergarten.

1. Prior to attending kindergarten, how many years will your child/children have attended preschool or day care?
   - □ 0 years
   - □ 1 year
   - □ 2 years
   - □ 3 years
   - □ 4 years
   - □ 5 years

2. On average, how many days per week will your child/children have attended preschool or day care prior to attending kindergarten?
   - □ 0 days/wk
   - □ 1 day/wk
   - □ 2 days/wk
   - □ 3 days/wk
   - □ 4 days/wk
   - □ 5 days/wk

3. Choose one response that best describes your child’s/children’s educational experiences prior to kindergarten
   - □ My child/children did not attend preschool or day care.
   - □ My child/children attended primarily half-day preschool or day care programs.
   - □ My child/children attended primarily full-day preschool or day care programs.

II. Parent’s opinion concerning full-day and half-day kindergarten

Directions: Please mark (X) the response that best describes your beliefs or opinions.

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<td>5. Full-day kindergarten would contribute to greater academic success (i.e. Mathematics, English Language Arts, Science) among children than half-day kindergarten</td>
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<td>7. Full-day kindergarten should be offered to reduce the need for day care.</td>
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<td>8. Half-day kindergarten provides parents with more opportunities to offer their children enriching educational experiences than if they attended full-day kindergarten</td>
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II. Parent’s opinion concerning full-day and half-day kindergarten (Continued)

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9. In general, children have the physical stamina necessary to attend full-day kindergarten.

10. Full-day kindergarten enhances children’s social development more than half-day kindergarten.

11. With full-day kindergarten, I would consider delaying my child’s entrance into kindergarten if he/she was 4 years old at the start of school, and 5 years old by December 1st.

12. In general, children are ready for a full day program (i.e. cognitively, socially, emotionally).

In the space below, please provide any additional comments or concerns you have about half-day and/or full-day kindergarten programs.

The Committee would like to thank you for sharing your opinions, which are greatly appreciated and valued. Please note that if you have any questions or concerns about full-day kindergarten you may contact Brad Gibson, Chair of the Committee, 716-687-2306 or by email at Brad_Gibson@eaur.wnyric.org.

Name: ___________________________ (optional)  Phone #: ___________________ (optional)