

Full day for kindergarten?

Pittsford district mulls expansion

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The Pittsford Central School District, one of the last districts in New York to hold only half-day kindergarten, is considering expansion to a full day beginning in 2017.

It is holding a community forum at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at Sutherland High School to discuss the results of a study it conducted on the question.

Fewer than 30 districts in the state lack full-day kindergarten, and four of them are in Monroe County: Brighton, Pittsford, Rush-Henrietta and West Irondequoit. Those other three districts have all recently either committed to a change or opened it up for community discussion. Pittsford was the final hold-out.

Brighton, meanwhile, is holding its next community forum on the topic, and on redeveloping its Brookside School building, at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8 at the district office, 2035 Monroe Ave. The state provides significant funding for the first two years of a district's transition to full-day kindergarten, easing start-up costs for construction, renovation, curriculum development and training, among other things.

The Pittsford school district could not provide more information about its findings Friday. Financial details and other information will be presented at the Dec. 9 meeting.

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