

Ripon Area School District *Office of the Superintendent*

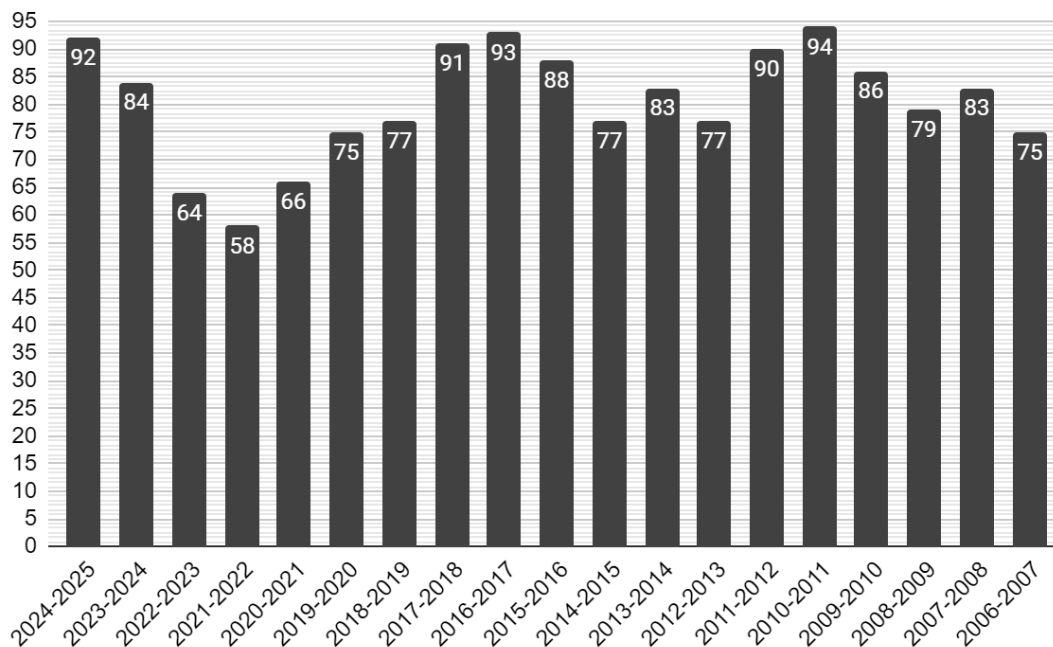
Memo

To: Board of Education
From: Administrative Team
Date: August 16, 2024
Re: Recommendation for Additional 4K Teaching Position

Background:

The Ripon Area School District introduced 4-year-old kindergarten in the 2006-2007 school year. In 2023-2024, the District expanded this program to full-day 4K, initially offering four sections. This expansion aimed to provide enhanced educational instruction for 4-year-olds, aligning with the successful practices of high-performing schools both statewide and nationally, including districts like Cedarburg and Sevastopol.

ENROLLMENT HISTORY, IN-PERSON 4-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN



Current Situation:

For the 2024-2025 school year, 92 students have already registered for 4K, marking the highest enrollment since 2016. To accommodate this increase, the District administration recommends adding an additional section, resulting in five full-time 4-year-old kindergarten teaching positions. This adjustment would reduce class sizes to a student-teacher ratio of 18.4:1, with a cap of 19 students per section. Smaller class sizes foster more individualized instruction and support, enhancing the educational experience.

Recommendation:

We recommend that the Board approve the addition of a 4-year-old kindergarten teaching position to help reduce class sizes and provide better educational opportunities for our students. We look forward to discussing this matter further at your convenience.