

ROYALTON EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:

Little Royals Preschool Registration Update: 60 students have enrolled in the Little Royals preschool program so far. We continue to take enrollments through summer and into fall (enrollments continue throughout the school year). We will add a section of 3-day (M-W) full day preschool for 4-year-olds (teacher position extended to our preschool teacher on leave) and reduce by a section of preschool for 2-day 3-year-olds.

Little Royals ECFE Program Update: We are holding Monday/Tuesday morning and evening Birth-5 Family Classes and offering a new Wednesday morning 10-week session Circle of Security Class in fall, winter, and spring sessions staffed with Parent and Child Educators along with a para. This is on par with current programming and budgeting. We will also be adding open gym sessions along with Friday drop in and plays soon along with extending sampler classes. *We would re-evaluate an ECFE coordinator position for the school year 2027-28 or 2028-29.*

Budget Update - Cost Savings from Midstate \$8,000 (Bridget confirm)

Family Outreach Strategy -

- Census, early childhood screening and data utilization
- Family communications strategy and engagement events
- Formation of the Early Childhood Advisory Council this fall!

Community and State Partnerships and Resources Planning: we will grow partnerships with Morrison County, State of Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families, Arrows Family Services, and continue to work with Midstate for ECSE services. We also partner with Milestones, Northern Pines, Help Me Grow, and our director has joined the Early Childhood Morrison County steering committee with area districts.

NOTE: The Community Education Director has been charged with creating a 3-year strategic “roadmap” for our Early Childhood programming including cost/revenue projections, growth modeling, and family outreach.