



# Educational Facilities Master Plan (EFMP)

## Kindergarten Center at the Sullivan Center FAQ

The Hawthorn 73 Educational Facilities Master Plan (EFMP) is a community-driven 10-year facilities plan to support the district's growth. As part of the EFMP, the district plans to develop a kindergarten Center at the Sullivan Center in Vernon Hills, which will bring together Kindergarten services for our students under one roof. Please see our frequently asked questions below for additional information about this project.

### Will the Sullivan Center offer a Dual Language program?

Dual Language kindergarten will remain with the School of Dual Language.

### Why is the District using the Sullivan Center for kindergarten education?

Kindergarten at the Sullivan Center is the first step in addressing our district's growth needs. It allows existing spaces within the elementary schools to be used for their intended purposes (e.g., enrichment classes currently taught on stages in cafeterias will return to a standard classroom; stages will return to intended purposes, such as hosting music classes, performances, presentations, and large group meetings).

### Why house all kindergarten classes in the same facility?

Having all kindergarten classes in the same facility increases teacher collaboration around curriculum and allows our teaching team to create an environment that is centered on the needs of kindergarten-aged children. We will be able to program the school according to the needs of kindergarten students and support their development with kindergarten-appropriate learning experiences.

### Why do kindergarten classes need new facilities?

New classrooms will be designed for modern kindergarten. Due to growth and logistics, some kindergarten classes exist today in spaces that were designed for other grade levels and do not have the configuration, storage, or space required for a kindergarten classroom.

### Is the Sullivan Center construction part of the current referendum?

The facility will be constructed through a partnership with the Vernon Hills Park District. The Park District will construct the addition to the Sullivan Center and lease it to the district for use as the Kindergarten Center. The partnership will allow the school district and the park district to utilize shared spaces to better meet the needs of their mutual constituencies.

### When will construction on the Sullivan Center begin, and how long will it last?

The design phase is planned to go from contract approval (Spring 2017) through August 2018.

### Is the Kindergarten Center part of the April 4, 2017 referendum?

No. The Hawthorn 73 School Board has adopted to fund this project outside of the referendum, by using cash reserves.

For more information about the Hawthorn 73 EFMP, scan the QR code below or visit: [bit.ly/H73EFMP](http://bit.ly/H73EFMP).



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