

ACADEMY OF ALAMEDA

TK BEGINNING IN

SY 24-25

→ PRESENTATION

## OUR GOAL

- We want families to begin their AoA educational journey with us starting in Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and stay all 10 years until they graduate from eighth grade. That's why it is important to that we create a strong, sustainable TK program from the beginning.

California will require TK to be offered beginning in SY 25-26

AoA's board originally wanted TK to begin in SY 23-24

**The OLT's ask tonight: Vote on TK to begin in 24-25**

# FACILITIES CONSIDERATIONS

## → Room 106

- ◆ Heating of the large space has become an issue this winter and may be unsuitable for all day classroom use.
- ◆ Bathroom determination has not been finalized (feasibility, cost, etc) and will require a year of planning, design, and construction
  - Walk paths to the Kinder / 1st quad bathrooms will need to be determined if a build is not doable.
- ◆ Outdoor space with extra cement steps and blocks will need to be redesigned for a safe TK play space – Including building near the boiler room

# INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

- Stand alone TK class
- One full time credentialed lead teacher
  - 1-2 full time classroom aides (depending on ratio requirement)
- Full day schedule, similar to our Full Day Kindergarten
- Determine instructional program model based on best practices
  - Will include visits to ABC preschool and other preschools and TKs
  - Research curriculum and developmentally appropriate practices

# STAFFING/EXPENSE

- Due to the student to teacher ratio, 12:1, staffing TK is expense unless you run only 12 students per class. The ratio is expected to change to 10:1 in possibly SY 24–25 or 25–26
- We need to determine the amount of students to run, the staff needed to support them, and the funding to support the staffing level.
- TK also requires 9 hours of program which can include before and after care, so staffing for these programs has to be determined and financially planned for as well since TK students can not easily fold into the traditional afterschool program. Their TK needs are different from TK–8 students.

## NEXT STEPS

- We are currently working from a backwards calendar that includes, current work orders to fix items to bring them into compliance, planning for when enrollment would begin in Fall 2023 and advertising for TK, and more.
- We will present an update to the board in spring 2023 and fall 2023 on our progress to opening TK in SY 24–25.

QUESTIONS?