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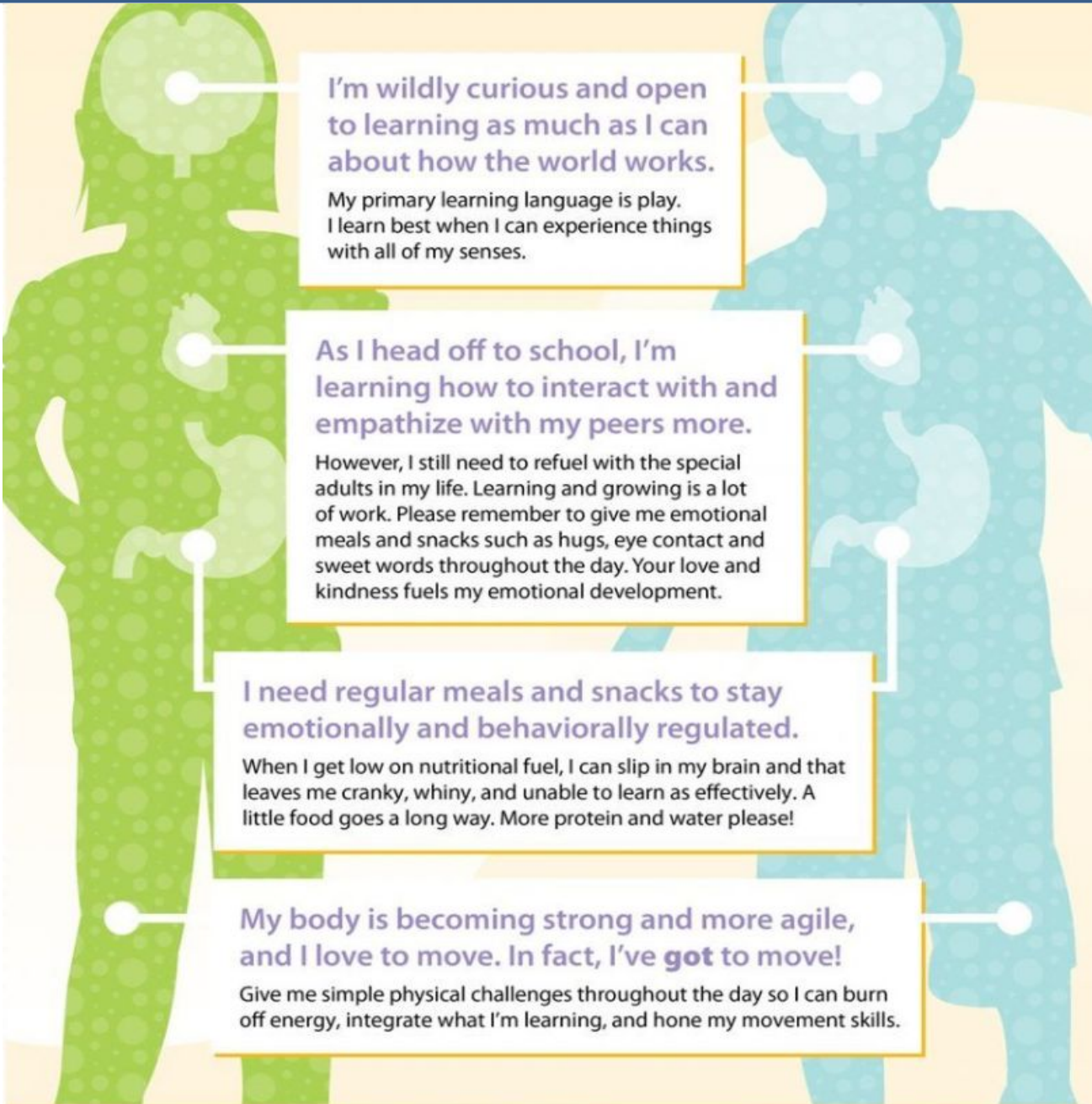
# Full Day Free Kindergarten School Year 2020-2021 (FY21)

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# Overview

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An infographic featuring two stylized human silhouettes, one green on the left and one blue on the right. Inside each silhouette, various organs are highlighted with white outlines: the brain, heart, stomach, and intestines. White lines connect these organs to text boxes. The green silhouette's text boxes are on its left side, and the blue silhouette's text boxes are on its right side. The background is a light yellow with a subtle pattern of small dots.

**I'm wildly curious and open to learning as much as I can about how the world works.**

My primary learning language is play. I learn best when I can experience things with all of my senses.

**As I head off to school, I'm learning how to interact with and empathize with my peers more.**

However, I still need to refuel with the special adults in my life. Learning and growing is a lot of work. Please remember to give me emotional meals and snacks such as hugs, eye contact and sweet words throughout the day. Your love and kindness fuels my emotional development.

**I need regular meals and snacks to stay emotionally and behaviorally regulated.**

When I get low on nutritional fuel, I can slip in my brain and that leaves me cranky, whiny, and unable to learn as effectively. A little food goes a long way. More protein and water please!

**My body is becoming strong and more agile, and I love to move. In fact, I've got to move!**

Give me simple physical challenges throughout the day so I can burn off energy, integrate what I'm learning, and hone my movement skills.



# Why Full Day Kindergarten?

- Increases student achievement
- Results in happier children
- Results in healthier children
- Is cost effective
- Students better prepared for first grade
- Families and staff want it



# Full Day Kindergarten is Good for ALL Kids!

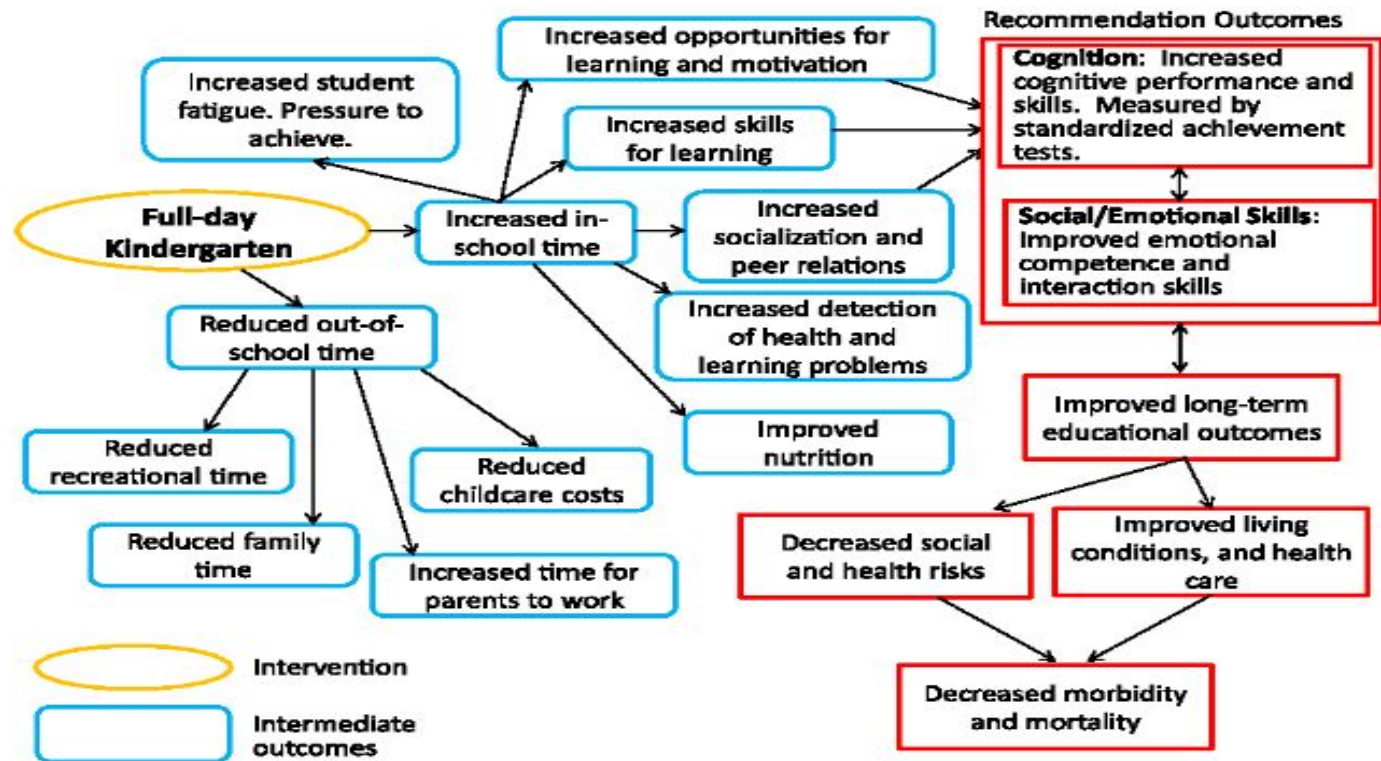


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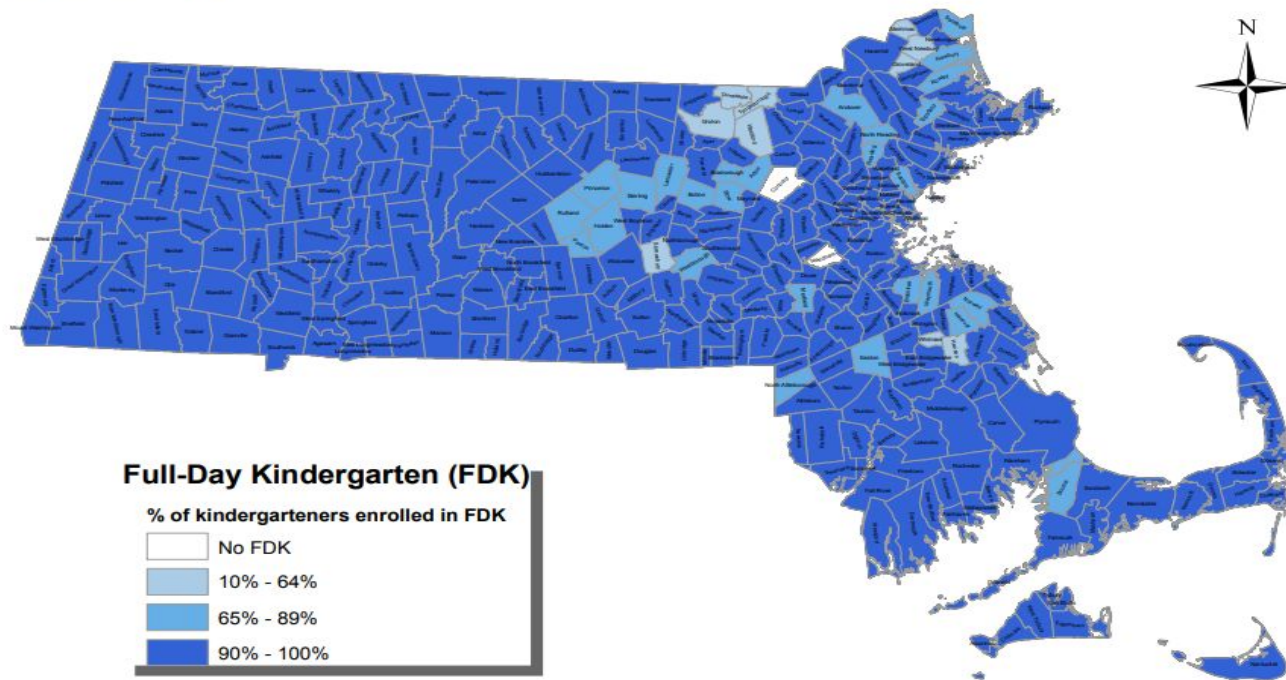




# Who Else Offers Full Day Kindergarten?



## Enrollment in Full-Day Kindergarten by City/Town, 2018-2019 School Year



### Full-Day Kindergarten (FDK)

% of kindergarteners enrolled in FDK

- No FDK
- 10% - 64%
- 65% - 89%
- 90% - 100%

\*Statewide, 96.4% of public school kindergarten students are enrolled in full-day kindergarten.

\*City/town estimates based on enrollment in corresponding school districts.

\*Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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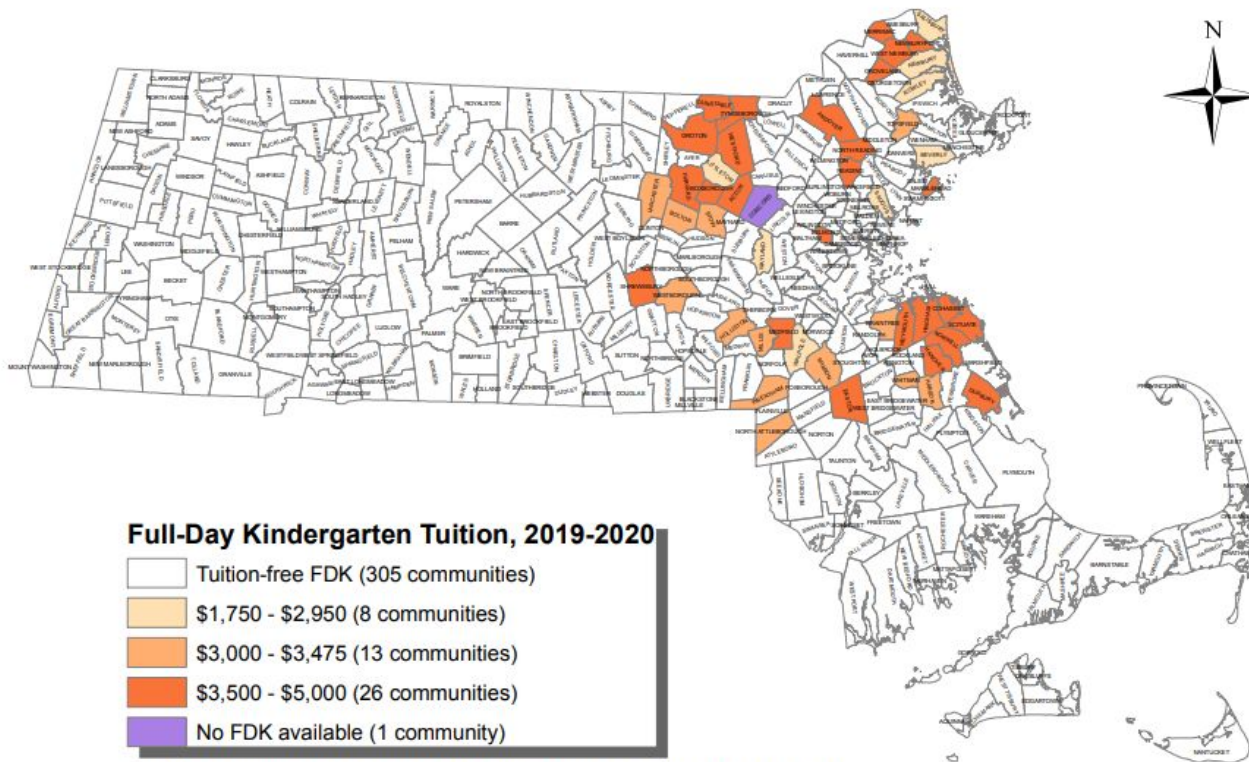
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# Who Charges for Full Day Kindergarten?



Tuition Rates for Full-Day Kindergarten by City/Town,  
2019-2020 School Year



38 school districts (serving 47 cities and towns) charge tuition for full-day kindergarten. Average annual tuition is \$3,454.  
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Source: Strategies for Children tuition analysis, July 2019.

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# Staffing

## Current K program

## Additional staff needed

enrolled students	348	K teachers	5
full day classes	12	para professionals	8
1/2 day classes	6	specialists	6





# Cost

## FY21

Full Day K Needs

add 5 FTE K Teachers                \$311,120

add 8 FTE paras                        \$147,816

add 6 Specialist                        \$311,120

subtotal = **\$770,056**

Maintain 2019-20 K staff through revolving fund balance

## FY22

All Full Day K Staff

additional increase after  
depleting revolving fund        = **\$718,770**

**Total Operating Budget Impact   \$1,488,826**



# Space

- Currently - Space available to accommodate in all buildings for 2020-2021
- Future - Chapman and connected projects
  - 9th primary
  - redistricting



Questions/Comments?

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