

ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. 124
Office of School Site Support

SAN DIEGO CITY SCHOOLS

Date: June 20, 2005

To: All Elementary School Principals

Subject: DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

**Department and/or
Persons Concerned:** All district elementary school principals and district Kindergarten teachers.

Due Date: Upon receipt.

Reference: Board of Education meeting of February 8, 2005

Action Requested: Ensure that Kindergarten teachers receive a copy of this circular.

Brief Explanation:

On February 8, 2005, the Board acted on a recommendation concerning the District's Kindergarten Program. The Board of Education approved to adopt the report, *A Quality Kindergarten Program*, as a guide to district policy development. Staff was also directed to provide the document, *A Quality Kindergarten Program*, to each elementary principal and Kindergarten teacher.

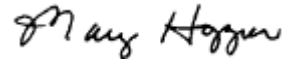
The document, *A Quality Kindergarten Program*, provides guidance for teachers and school leaders as they plan and implement rich Kindergarten learning experiences. It is recommended that teachers, both Kindergarten and first grade, in collaboration with school leaders review the document and discuss the big ideas that may contribute to supporting all children in becoming independent, confident learners. Guiding questions for the discussion may include: 1) How do the big ideas in each section align with our current program? 2) What areas require further discussion? 3) What are the implications for ensuring all students reach their highest potential in Kindergarten and beyond? 4) How do we ensure learning opportunities are both developmentally and academically appropriate for students? It is important that collaborative conversations occur to insure both teachers and principals have common understanding of *A Quality Kindergarten Program*.

Copies of *A Quality Kindergarten Program* for principals and teachers were distributed to sites on or about April 27, 2005. Within a business week of receipt of this circular, the document will also be accessible on the district's website at <http://www.sandi.net/board/reports/2005/0208/index.html>, G.11. Quality Kindergarten Program.

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