



# NEWS RELEASE

Waterford School District, 1150 Scott Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48328

## **Waterford School District Introduces All Day Every Day Tuition-Free Kindergarten Fall 2008**

**March 25, 2008, Waterford, Mich.** – The Waterford School District will introduce All Day Every Day Tuition-Free Kindergarten beginning in the 2008-2009 school year at all 14 elementary schools. Half-day programs will also continue to be offered.

Current research in early childhood supports the benefits of All Day Every Day Kindergarten. Over the past 30 years, enrollment in All-Day Every Day Kindergarten has steadily risen.

All Day Every Day Kindergarten provides children the time to acquire a deeper understanding of concepts and their link to the world around them. Additionally, this will provide more time to meet the social, emotional, and academic needs of children. The Waterford School District All Day Every Day Kindergarten includes activities such as: creative arts, music, dramatic play, math, language arts, Spanish, computers, science, field trips, gross and fine motor skill development, and Interpersonal and relationship skill development. In addition, the All Day Every Day Kindergarten Program has a balanced curriculum which includes Spanish instruction.

Waterford School District Superintendent Robert Neu stated “We are extremely excited about the opportunities all day kindergarten will afford our students. It is a credit to our Board of Education that we are able to add this important program at this time. However, the District will continue to closely monitor the economic and financial developments in Lansing that could ultimately impact our operating budget and program offerings.”

-more-

Any child within the Waterford School District who is eligible to attend kindergarten may enroll in the All Day Every Day Kindergarten Program. Waterford School District non-residents may apply by completing a Schools of Choice application, which are available by at each school or online at [www.waterford.k12.mi.us/schoolsofchoice](http://www.waterford.k12.mi.us/schoolsofchoice).

Parents may register their child at each elementary school or at the Pupil Personnel Department, Lutes Campus, 5195 Pontiac Lake Road. For more information please call 248.706.4864 or visit [www.waterford.k12.mi.us/kindergarten](http://www.waterford.k12.mi.us/kindergarten).

###