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Dear Piedmont Families,

Senate Bill 1381 (also known as the Kindergarten Readiness Act) amended California Education Code to change the required birthday for admission to kindergarten and first grade beginning in the 2012–2013 school year.

Beginning in the 2012-13 school year, to enroll in Kindergarten, students must be five years old by the following dates:

- School Year 2012-2013 - Must be 5 years old on or before November 1st
- School Year 2013-2014 - Must be 5 years old on or before October 1st
- School Year 2014-2015 - Must be 5 years old on or before September 1st

Every year thereafter a child must be 5 years old on or before September 1st to enroll in Kindergarten.

Senate Bill 1381 also created a Transitional Kindergarten (TK) for all public elementary schools. Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is the first year of a two-year kindergarten program for those students whose fifth birthday falls between November 2nd and December 2nd, 2012. While Piedmont Unified is preparing to implement a TK Program for the 2012-2013 school year, Governor Brown's 2012-2013 proposed budget eliminates all funding for this program. School Districts across the State will not know if this program is mandated until the State budget is approved. Due to this uncertainty, we have yet to implement this program. The changes to the admission dates of Kindergarten will be in effect even if the Transitional Kindergarten program itself does not happen.

Piedmont Unified recognizes that this uncertainty may make it difficult for you to plan for the upcoming school year. We will keep you informed as we learn more. If your child is eligible for Transitional Kindergarten, we encourage you to attend the March 8th elementary registration in order for us to better prepare if the TK program is enacted. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 510.594.2877 or RBooker@piedmont.k12.ca.us

Sincerely,

Randall Booker, Assistant Superintendent