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Consent Agenda Item (Action Item): Consider and approve the creation of a Floyd County Early Childhood Center Pilot (Universal Pre- K Classroom) for four-year-old students who meet district criteria.

Applicable State or Regulations: 01.11 Duties and Powers of the Local Board of Education.

Fiscal/Budgetary Impact: The district will be providing the classroom within one of its already established schools. The classroom will need to have accommodations for Early Learners in place this may require some renovation by the district maintenance department. Transportation will be provided by the parents for a five-day school week following the same hours as the regular school day as this is an optional program. Breakfast and lunches will be provided by the Floyd County School District. The district general fund along with any assistance from the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Pre-K for All Program, will provide one classified teacher and one classified teaching assistant not to exceed 100,000 per year.

History/Background: The classroom will consist of one classified teacher, one teaching assistant (classified) and 20 Students. The district will select a location for the classroom depending on space and adaptability that will be best for meeting student early learning needs. The Floyd County Early Childhood Center Pilot (Universal Pre-K Classroom) will be set to Pilot beginning in January, 2027. Studies have shown that children who attend Head Start/ Preschool Programs are more prepared and have a solid base to build upon as they enter the kindergarten classroom. By providing this opportunity to 20 additional Floyd County students, the district is investing in the early learning needs of more students and not just those that are income/disability eligible. Providing this opportunity will bring about more awareness of students early learning needs, while providing an opportunity for more students to become Kindergarten ready in the district. Many times, working parents with early learning students do not qualify to attend Head Start or receive Pre-K services. This often times creates a hardship and can prevent students from receiving needed supports.

Recommended Action: Consider and approve creating a Floyd County School District Universal Pre- K Classroom to include all four-year-old students who meet district criteria. The classroom will consist of one classified teacher, one teaching assistant and 20 Students.

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