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## NEW CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IMMERSION PRESCHOOL

Comstock Public Schools is pleased to announce a unique preschool program for the 2019-20 school year. The Comstock Early Learning Academy (CELA) will be partnering with the Confucius Institute at Western Michigan University and the Beijing Language and Culture University (BLCU) to bring the Greater Kalamazoo community a Chinese language and culture immersion preschool program. Through this partnership, two trained, native-speaking preschool teachers from China will be arriving in August to begin a 3-year assignment at CELA.

The current plan is to offer morning, afternoon, or all-day immersion experiences for three to four year-old children in Fall 2019. Full day rates are \$250 per week, and half day rates are \$150 per week. CELA will be located at 6171 East MN Avenue, which is the current home of Green Meadow Elementary. Mark Wilke will be the principal at CELA.

According to Dr. Jeffrey J. Thoenes, Superintendent of Comstock Public Schools, "The CELA Chinese language and culture immersion preschool will be the only program of its kind in West Michigan. It's clear that the Comstock Early Learning Academy will provide a truly unique preschool opportunity for our community."

CELA will be offering the following tuition-based programs:

- STEM preschool classroom (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)
- Chinese Language and Culture Immersion preschool classroom
- Reggio Emilia preschool classroom

Preschool programming at CELA will also include:

- Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)
- Head Start
- Early Childhood Special Education Program
- Before and After School Childcare
- Free/Reduced Childcare for employees per contract, as space is available

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