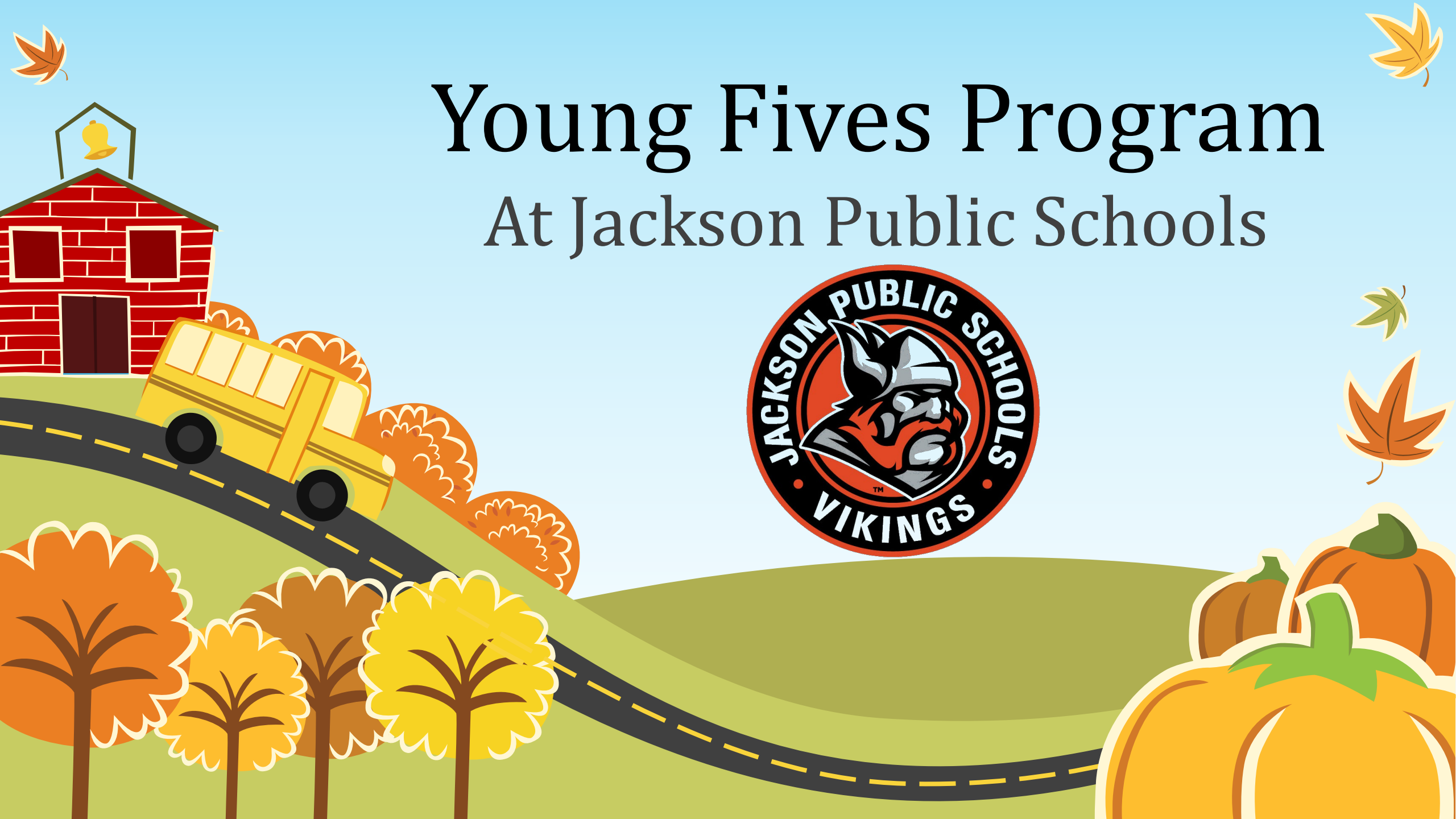






# Young Fives Program

## At Jackson Public Schools







# What is Young Fives?

- A bridge between preschool and kindergarten.
  - ***A Gift of Time*** -- An extra year to gain confidence, self-esteem, academic, social, and emotional skills, independence, problem solving skills, and fine/gross motor development.
  - An opportunity to empower children who need additional time to enter kindergarten with confidence and an eagerness for learning!
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# Entrance Criteria

- A qualifying kindergarten entrance assessment score.
- Birthday between April 1 and December 1<sup>st</sup>
- Preschool referral when additional time is needed for social/emotional development



\* Waivers required for students with a birthday between Sept. 1 and Dec. 1







# Locations

- Bennett Elementary
- Hunt Elementary
- Sharp Park Academy
- Cascades Elementary







# Curriculum

- Kindergarten “Light”: Preliminary exposure to letters, sounds, numbers, counting, shapes, colors, etc.
  - Michigan Kindergarten standards
  - Hands on Science, STEAM activities
  - Social Studies
  - Social, emotional skills
  - Learning how to be in school—routines, transitions, following rules
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# What's Next?

- Students will move to regular kindergarten
  - Movement to 1<sup>st</sup> grade will be considered on a case-by-case basis and based on Reading, Writing, and Math scores, and social and emotional readiness for 1<sup>st</sup> grade.
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Thanks for your  
time and attention!  
Questions?

