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August 8, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are having a nice summer. We have exciting news that could positively impact our preschool program. Lower Township Elementary School District is applying for Preschool Education Expansion Aid for the 2018-2019 school year. LTES will be notified by the state on Friday, August 31, 2018 if we are allocated the funds. Information will be shared with parents as we receive updates from the Department of Education through the district website, facebook, twitter, and phone calls.

If we are awarded this grant, LTES will provide a full day preschool program for all four year olds and three year olds with disabilities. In this scenario the first day for full day preschool will begin on *Monday, September 10*, 2018 as the late notification from the Department of Education does not give us sufficient time to set up seven additional preschool classrooms by September 4, 2018. Transportation will continue to be provided for all preschool students. Registration for all available seats will be on a first come, first served basis. Twelve preschool classrooms will be housed at David C. Douglass Veterans Memorial School and two preschool classrooms will be housed at Carl T. Mitnick School. All district classrooms will implement a high quality preschool program.

If LTES is not awarded the grant, the preschool program will remain the same as in previous years, offering a half day program for all four year olds and a regular start date of <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>September 4, 2018</u>. Three year old preschool students with disabilities will continue to participate in a half day program as well.

We will have a preschool parent meeting on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>August 23, 2018</u> to discuss the possible changes to the preschool program. As previously mentioned, these changes are contingent upon LTES receiving funding through the grant. *The meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. in the Carl T. Mitnick School cafeteria*. All parents/guardians of children who will be four years old on or before October 1, 2018 are encouraged to attend. We are asking all Lower Township residents to spread the word about this meeting and the potential changes. We look forward to seeing you August 23, 2018.

Sincerely,

Jeff Samaniego

Superintendent