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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are thrilled to share some exciting news with you today! It is my pleasure to announce a significant development in our educational offerings that will benefit our youngest learners. Beginning this academic year, we are proud to offer **free preschool** to eligible 3- and 4-year-old students residing in Readington. This remarkable opportunity has been made possible through generous state funding in the amount of approximately 1.6 million dollars of Preschool Education Aid (PEA). We believe that early childhood education is the foundation upon which future academic success is built, and we are committed to providing this invaluable opportunity to our community. Preschool plays a crucial role in preparing children for kindergarten and beyond. It fosters cognitive, social, and emotional development, setting a solid educational trajectory for our little ones. By offering this program at no cost to families, we aim to ensure that every child has access to a strong educational foundation regardless of their socioeconomic background.

Key details about how to enroll your child in our free preschool program will be forthcoming. Please know that we are committed to ensuring clear communication explaining the program and gathering interest from parents in our community. A brief survey will be used to identify children in Readington who may be able to enroll in this preschool program so please look for that in the coming days. We anticipate the program will begin on January 2, 2024. We understand the importance of your child's education and are committed to making high-quality preschool accessible to all families, but this will be a multi-year program implementation. The district will offer seven (7) classes of preschool this academic year serving 105 students with the intention of expanding in September of 2024.

Lastly, the district administration and private providers plan on hosting a community forum for members of our community to learn more about the Preschool Education Aid (PEA) and Readington's plans. The forum will be held on **October 26, 2023 from 6:00-7:00 P.M. in the Board Office Conference Room at 52 Readington Road** (Holland Brook School).

We look forward to welcoming your child into our preschool program and partnering with you to ensure their success. Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. Together, we will build a strong foundation for their bright future where they will lead purposeful lives with integrity, cultivate a spirit of discovery, and embrace connections in our diverse, global world.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Hart, Ph.D.
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