Preschool Funding Opportunity Update

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Recall...

The DOE announced the availability of Preschool Education Aid (PEA) to increase access to high-quality preschool for New Jersey **three-** and **four-** year old children.

Funding will be determined in the following priority order according to free and reduced price lunch (FRLP):
Tier 1: Districts at 20% or more FRLP
Tier 2: Districts at 15-19% FRLP
*Tier 3: Districts at 10-14% FRLP
Tier 4: Districts at 10% or less FRLP

Since We Last Met...

July 17 - Meeting with one private provider

July 24 - Meeting with National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER)

July 25 - Meeting with three private providers

July 26 - Meeting with K-3 administrators

July 31 - Site visit to Stanton Learning Center

August 1 - Site visit to Whitehouse Prep and Global Pioneer

August 2 - Site visit to Berry Patch

August 4 - Site visit and meeting with Three Bridges Reformed Church

August 7 - Preliminary application submission to NIEER

August 9- Feedback received from NIEER & follow-up phone call with Unicom

August 10 - Submission of application

August 11 - Deadline for submission

Mixed Delivery: Our Provider Partners

Whitehouse Prep

Berry Patch

Stanton Learning Center

Application Detail: Year 1 Classes

Classroom 1	Three Bridges School	15 students
Classroom 2	Whitehouse School	15 students
Classroom 3	Whitehouse School	15 students
Classroom 4	Whitehouse Prep	15 students
Classroom 5	Whitehouse Prep	15 students
Classroom 6	Stanton Learning Center	15 students
Classroom 7	Berry Patch	15 students
TOTAL		**105 students** (95 gen.ed. 10 inclusion sp. ed.)

Application Year 1: Personnel

New positions funded through the application:
7 Classroom teachers (1.0 FTE)
7 Classroom paraprofessionals (1.0 FTE)
1 Preschool Coach (.8 FTE) with dual responsibility as coach and interventionist

Existing positions partially funded through the application:
2 School Nurses
1 Learning Consultant/Early Intervention Coordinator

Application Year 1: Supplies

Curricular Materials
- Creative Curriculum & Tools of the Mind (Whitehouse Prep)
- Manipulatives
- Books

Classroom Start-up Costs
- Furniture
- Book shelves

Classroom Updates
- Ancillary classroom upgrades (new carpet, painting, etc.)

Application Year 1: Professional Development

Creative Curriculum Training

Pyramid Model Training

Teaching Pyramid Observation Tool (TPOT)

NJDOE Preschool Coach Training

Total Funding Requested

$1,671,030

Future Years

Year 2 Expansion

Projected Enrollment: 195
Total Universe: 240
73% of Universe

Year 3 Expansion

Projected Enrollment: 240
Total Universe: 240
100% of Universe

Must meet 240 students by year 5.

Year 2-3 Plans

(Emphasis on the word *plan*)

Site	Total Classrooms Year 1	Total Classrooms Year 2	Total Classrooms Year 3	Enrolled Students by Year 3
Three Bridges	1	2	2	30
Whitehouse School	2	2	2	30
Whitehouse Prep	2	3	4	60
Stanton Learning	1	2	2	30
Berry Patch	1	2	3	45
Global Pioneer (new in year 2)	0	2	3	45
Total	**7**	**13**	**16**	**240**

Year 2-3 Options

Maintain partnerships with private providers and expand (previous slide).

Investigate the leasing of the vacant Unicom early childhood center.

Investigate building our own Readington Early Learning Center.

Consider using the Three Bridges Reformed Church as an additional location.

Investigate lease options with other local school district who may have vacant buildings.

Timeline 2023-2024

August 11

Application was due

September 8

Award notice

January 2

Anticipated program start

"A first class system of early childhood education is the hallmark of a caring and civilized society."

—Andy Hargreaves

Thanks!

Do you have any questions?

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