

# 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

<u>New</u> 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**

**Year 3 Expansion** 

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

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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
<u>Total</u>	7	<u>13</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>240</u>

## 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





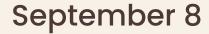






### August 11

Application was due



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



## Do you have any questions?

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