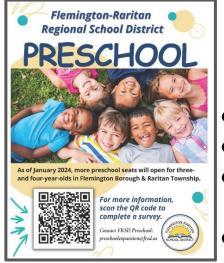






Flemington-Raritan School District Dr. Kari McGann, Superintendent of Schools Mrs. Tanya Dawson, Business Administrator March 13, 2024 Board of Education Meeting







Superintendent's 2023-2024 Fall Newsletter

Letters to Community & Parents on 10/19 & 10/24

Multiple local articles: <u>Tap Into Article</u> and <u>Tap Into</u>

Article and Tap Into Article

- Board of Education Briefings
- Board Public & Committee Meetings
- Board Committee Report and Report
- November Talk-a-Latte Event

Preschool Survey Responses: Thank you for your feedback!

In my October 18 letter to parents, I proudly shared that our District is partnering with the State of New Jersey to expand our high-quality preschool program beginning in January 2024. Flemington-Raritan Schools was awarded \$1.22 million to expand preschool services for

more students over the next five years. We surveyed families in our community to gauge the need and interest for expanded preschool. We received over 270 surveys! Thank you to our families for providing their contact information so that we can work on our next steps to fill the seats that will become available in 2024. More information is online here.







The Basic Facts about funding the Preschool Expansion Award



The District requested funds to serve 86 full day, general education preschool students in the 2023-2024 school year.

The Preschool Expansion Award funds only **general education students.** The District uses State aid pursuant to the School Funding Reform Act (SFRA) as amended by S2 for the funding necessary for preschool students with disabilities.

In addition, the District uses Individuals with Disabilitie Education Act (IDEA) Part B funds to assist with the excess cost of educating preschool students with disabilities.

The Basic Facts about the Preschool Expansion Award Budget Process

All preschool tuition collected for any in-district student was returned to families, a refund in full in November/December 2023.

The District fully eliminated the tuition-in model for general education students. Families will not pay for preschool education for their enrolled children in the District's preschool through any mixed delivery system.



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Prior to Expanding Preschool Programming

- The District provided preschool education only at Copper Hill Elementary School.
- Previously serving 117 students, ages 3 and 4.
- Extended school year program for students as per individualized education program (IEP) specifics.

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Expanded Preschool Services

Prior to expanding, preschool was a five (5) hour per day program. The District now has expanded time for a six (6) hour day beginning on January 16.

Times for the school day are commensurate with district elementary schools, but may vary at private locations.

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Where are we headed? Expanded Preschool Services Vision

The Flemington-Raritan Regional School District will provide high-quality preschool services in a mixed delivery system, expanding each year to serve all three and four-year olds in the school district.

Mixed delivery services are preschool services provided to students in-district schools, out-of-district preschool through private providers, and out-of-district state provided preschool services inclusive with studen with special needs.

Preschool Expansion Information

Expanded Preschool Services Vision

The District seeks to outreach, recruit, enroll 90% of eligible preschool children within five years, specifically 90% of the universe by 2028.

The lottery system will continue as we expand the prek universe, giving preference to four-year-old students and at-risk preschool students.



Flemington-Raritan Regional School District has **592**, eligible preschoolers, some of which are considered at-risk preschoolers.

Projected universe of eligible three-year-old preschoolers: **296**

Projected universe of eligible four-year-old preschoolers: **296**



2023-2024 Recipients (26 Districts - \$25 million)

| County | District | Amount |
|------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Bergen | Carlstadt | \$442,304 |
| Burlington | Florence | \$779,670 |
| Burlington | Hainesport | \$580,560 |
| Burlington | Medford | \$2,110,872 |
| Camden | Cherry Hill | \$3,417,615 |
| Camden | Magnolia * | \$291,060 |
| Cape May | West Cape May | \$166,752 |
| Gloucester | Elk Township * | \$1,100,962 |
| Hunterdon | Clinton Glen Gardner | \$607,248 |
| Hunterdon | Clinton Township | \$966,030 |
| Hunterdon | East Amwell | \$520,170 |
| Hunterdon | Flemington-Raritan | \$1,228,968 |

| County | District | Amount |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------|
| Hunterdon | Franklin Township | \$356,688 |
| Hunterdon | Frenchtown | \$428,904 |
| Hunterdon | Readington | \$1,522,410 |
| Middlesex | Dunellen | \$444,180 |
| Middlesex | Highland Park * | \$559,308 |
| Monmouth | Oceanport | \$513,415 |
| Morris | Mine Hill | \$850,906 |
| Ocean | Lacey Township | \$3,323,279 |
| Sussex | Hardyston | \$654,795 |
| Sussex | Lafayette | \$378,326 |
| Sussex | Sparta | \$1,076,774 |
| Sussex | Sussex-Wantage | \$2,159,064 |

| County | District | Amount |
|--------|---------------------|--------------|
| Union | Garwood | \$195,078 |
| Warren | Washington Township | \$227,792 |
| Total | | \$24,903,130 |

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Preschool Expansion Information





2022-2023 Recipients (27 Districts - \$26+ million)

| County | District | Amount | County | District | Amount |
|------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|------------------|-------------|
| Atlantic | Linwood | \$360,797 | Gloucester | Deptford | \$2,261,099 |
| Bergen | Ridgefield Park | \$235,920 | Gloucester | Woodbury | \$521,395 |
| Burlington | Eastampton | \$548,400 | Hunterdon | Kingwood | \$154,429 |
| Burlington | Palmyra | \$507,270 | Hunterdon | Milford | \$168,468 |
| Burlington | Mt Laurel | \$1,562,610 | Monmouth | Howell | \$2,286,405 |
| Camden | Voorhees | \$1,002,410 | Monmouth | West Long Branch | \$249,426 |
| Camden | Pine Hill | \$539,469 | Ocean | Eagleswood | \$527,448 |
| Camden | Winslow Twp. | \$2,329,944 | Ocean | Manchester | \$3,076,056 |
| Essex | Montclair | \$970,555 | Ocean | Plumsted | \$700,648 |
| Essex | Nutley | \$1,228,170 | Passaic | Prospect Park | \$1,363,323 |
| Essex | West Orange | \$1,894,659 | Salem | Alloway | \$364,743 |
| Gloucester | Pitman | \$972,648 | Union | Springfield | \$1,219,050 |

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|--------|-----------|--------------|
| County | District | Amount |
| Warren | Oxford | \$349,674 |
| Warren | Pohatcong | \$322,776 |
| Warren | Franklin | \$363,123 |
| Total | | \$26,080,915 |

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Preschool Expansion Information





2022-2023 Recipients - (16 More Districts - \$11.4 million)

- Atlantic County Folsom School District \$165,322
- Bergen County Little Ferry School District \$1,245,045
- Burlington County Washington Township School District \$82,260
- Burlington County Westampton Township School District \$456,765
- Camden County Gibbsboro School District \$582,793
- Camden County Lawnside School District \$382,840
- Cumberland County Downe Township School District \$445
- Gloucester County South Harrison Township School District \$621,414
- Middlesex County South Brunswick Township School District \$2,041,95
- Middlesex County South Plainfield School District \$1,765,380
- Monmouth County Allenhurst School District \$13,857
- Morris County Jefferson Township School District \$1,034,483
- Ocean County Island Heights School District \$188,636
- Salem County Andover Regional School District \$522,310
- Sussex County Elsinboro Township School District \$108,072
- Union County Linden City School District \$2,200,915







2021-2022 Recipients (19 Districts - \$17 million)

| County | District | Amount |
|------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Atlantic | Mullica Township | \$512,823 |
| Bergen | Palisades Park | \$823,860 |
| Camden | Audubon Boro (Audubon Park) | \$440,319 |
| Camden | Berlin Township | \$336,713 |
| Cape May | Cape May City | \$376,033 |
| Cumberland | Commercial Township | \$563,112 |
| Cumberland | Deerfield Township | \$415,831 |
| Gloucester | Monroe Township | \$1,399,892 |
| Gloucester | Washington Township | \$1,113,420 |
| Gloucester | Westville | \$655,573 |
| Hudson | East Newark | \$337,039 |
| Ocean | Jackson Township | \$3,173,040 |
| Ocean | Ocean Gate | \$264,462 |
| Ocean | Stafford Township | \$3,245,355 |
| Passaic | Bloomingdale | \$540,600 |
| Salem | Penns Grove-Carney's Point Regional | \$1,138,728 |
| Salem | Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional | \$1,067,165 |
| Salem | Upper Pittsgrove Township | \$672,760 |
| Sussex | Hamburg | \$579,984 |





2020-2021 Recipients (10 Districts - \$10 million)

| County | District | Preschool Education Aid Amount |
|------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Atlantic | Egg Harbor Township School District | \$2,835,866 |
| Bergen | North Arlington School District | \$560,208 |
| Bergen | Fairview Public Schools | \$2,126,751 |
| Burlington | Lumberton School District | \$345,072 |
| Camden | Clementon School District | \$302,242 |
| Hunterdon | Hampton School District | \$338,675 |
| Monmouth | Matawan-Aberdeen Regional | \$1,574,034 |
| Ocean | Seaside Heights School District | \$482,095 |
| Salem | Quinton Township School District | \$349,506 |
| Somerset | Manville School District | \$1,085,550 |







2019-2020 Recipients (28 Districts - \$20 million)

| County | District | Amount |
|------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Atlantic | Buena Regional | \$1,032,077 |
| Atlantic | Somers Point | \$456,163 |
| Atlantic | Weymouth | \$213,006 |
| Burlington | Beverly City | \$498,242 |
| Burlington | Burlington Twp. | \$213,006 |
| Burlington | Edgewater Park | \$478,287 |
| Camden | Gloucester Twp. | \$1,451,363 |
| Camden | Mount Ephraim | \$451,535 |
| Cape May | Dennis Twp. | \$622,750 |
| Cape May | Middle Twp. | \$687,686 |
| Essex | Belleville | \$892,452 |
| Gloucester | Glassboro | \$717,664 |

| County | District | Amount |
|------------|---------------|-------------|
| Gloucester | National Park | \$214,398 |
| Hudson | Kearny | \$2,661,345 |
| Hunterdon | High Bridge | \$273,120 |
| Mercer | Princeton | \$721,439 |
| Middlesex | Sayreville | \$2,799,800 |
| Monmouth | Farmingdale | \$157,764 |
| Monmouth | Ocean Twp. | \$586,772 |
| Morris | Dover | \$1,177,174 |
| Morris | Netcong | \$188,230 |
| Ocean | Ocean Twp. | \$971,584 |
| Ocean | Tuckerton | \$679,140 |
| Passaic | Woodland Park | \$261,360 |

| County | District | Amount |
|--------|-----------------|-----------|
| Salem | Mannington | \$226,711 |
| Sussex | Montague | \$730,296 |
| Sussex | Stillwater Twp. | \$286,902 |
| Union | Winfield | \$349,674 |

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Preschool Expansion Information







2018-2019 Recipients (31 Districts - \$20.6 million)

| County | District | Additional PEEA Funding |
|------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Atlantic | Hamilton Township | \$1,040,838 |
| Atlantic | Galloway Township | \$623,988 |
| Atlantic | Absecon | \$188,730 |
| Atlantic | Brigantine | \$720,684 |
| Bergen | Hackensack | \$645,827 |
| Burlington | Willingboro Township | \$779,824 |
| Burlington | Mount Holly | \$557,800 |
| Camden | Bellmawr | \$321,641 |
| Camden | Lindenwold | \$201,657 |
| Camden | Woodlynne | \$234,090 |
| Cape May | North Wildwood City | \$327,078 |
| Cape May | Lower Township | \$1,766,892 |
| Cumberland | Lawrence Township | \$229,565 |
| Cumberland | Maurice River Township | \$286,197 |
| Essex | South Orange- Maplewood | \$1,422,081 |

| Total | | \$20,637,429 |
|------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Union | Rahway City | \$881,456 |
| Union | Hillside Township | \$198,255 |
| Somerset | Franklin Township | \$510,796 |
| Salem | Pittsgrove Township | \$396,452 |
| Passaic | Clifton | \$834,730 |
| Ocean | Stafford Township | \$1,245,471 |
| Ocean | Berkeley Township | \$2,264,383 |
| Ocean | Lakehurst | \$376,890 |
| Morris | Morris School District | \$927,795 |
| Monmouth | Belmar | \$194,334 |
| Monmouth | Union Beach | \$213,180 |
| Middlesex | Piscataway Township | \$1,859,263 |
| Middlesex | Jamesburg | \$260,820 |
| Middlesex | Carteret | \$285,687 |
| Gloucester | Paulsboro | \$513,555 |
| Gloucester | Logan Township | \$327,470 |

Preschool Expansion Information



Why should we focus on expanding preschool services?



Why Now? Why should FRSD Expand Preschool Services?

Support parents in their child's education



Foundational Skills for Success



High Scope Perry Research Study

Support emotional and social learning





Expanded Preschool: A GREAT Opportunity for our youngest learners

The Flemington-Raritan Regional School District preschool expansion targets Strategic

Goals # 1, #3, and #5







FRSD Five-Year Strategic Plan



GOAL 1: Academic Excellence for All, Student Learning

The District will provide a comprehensive and rigorous educational experience that connects and expands students' knowledge while engaging and empowering all learners to synthesize and apply their skills and understandings in meaningful ways.

GOAL 3:

Unified Community Engagements and Outreach

The district will create opportunities to foster unity between the community and the school district in order to strengthen partnerships and develop a shared responsibility for student success.

Objective 3.1: Purposefully work to create a culturally unified district.

GOAL 5: Ensure the finance and facilities needs are budgeted to upkeep and meet the needs of the growing district.

Objective 5.1: Prepare the District budget that targets the short and long-term objectives of the district.

| STRATEGIES | ACTIVITIES | PERSONS RESPONSIBLE | RESOURCES | TIMELINE | ACHIEVED & EVIDENCE GATHERED |
|------------|------------|---------------------|-----------|----------|---------------------------------|





For the 2023-2024 School Year:

The District partnered with

First Friends, a private preschool provider and

Norwescap, a Head Start preschool provider program and

The District added two preschool classrooms at

Robert Hunter Elementary School;

one that is part of preschool expansion and
another that is a preschool disabilities classroom and not part of the preschool expansion program for this school year.





FRSD Partners 2023-2024

- -Lisa Kozuhowski, Child and Family Service Coordinator for Norwescap-Head Start
- -Amy Weckesser, Director for First Friends Child Development Center
- -Copper Hill Elementary School and Robert Hunter Elementary School, Principal Lockett and Principal Braynor







FRSD Partners 2024-2025

- -Racquel Gonzalez and Karen Colavito, Assistant Director and Director of Precious Gems Academy
- -Francis A. Desmares Elementary School and Barley Sheaf Elementary School, Principal Masessa and Principal Switkes
- -Norwescap-Head Start, First Friends Child Development Center, Copper Hill, Robert Hunter







Preschool Vision

Through partnership between family and educators, we cultivate the development of the whole child through education with typical peers in an environment responsive to

diverse learners.







PENGUIN POST

SPECIAL 1ST EDITION-February 2024

Preschool Newsletter

PRESCHOOLMASCOT

PRESENTING OUR PRESCHOOL MASCOT

The votes are in!
The public has voted,
and the penguin
has won as the
preschool mascot!

PENGUIN POST

With so many great things happening for your preschool Benguins, we need to stay in communication. The Penguin Post will be released on the 1st of each month on he preschool website. You can send ecommendations for the Penguin Post o Katherine javier@fractu.



ARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL

EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC)

The Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) is an advisory group of community stakeholders interested in the education and welfare of children in preschool through grade three that is convened by the school district (N.J.A.C.6A/13A-12).

The ECAC will review preschool program implementation of high-quality programs, serve as advisory support for the local school district's preschool program and support transition as children move from preschool through grade three.

To learn more about this voluntary committee, and to express interest please fill out the <u>ECAC interest Form</u>.

MEET VOUR PRESCHOOL CONTACT



Pupil Personnel Services

E-mail ID:



Early Childhood

Beharation

E-mail ID: amenda.cahili





Preschool Instruction

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and Intervention and



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Community and Parent Involvement Specialist

(CPIS) for Preschool and Administrative Assistant E-mail ID: kathetine levier

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IMPORTANT DATE

MARCH 5, 2024 — 6-7:30 PM AT JPC-SEPAG ISPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY GROUP!

MARCH 15, 2024 — SCHOOL OPEN TO MAKE UP 1/19 CLOSING: EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENT:

MARCH 29, 2024 THRU APRIL 4, 2024 — SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SPRING BEFFSS.

PARENT-NIGHT SEPAR SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY GROUP!



On March 5th, parents are welcome to attend an informational and hands-on evening with some of our preschool personnel. Break-out sessions will take place in 20 minute increments so families may learn about supporting your child at home with: Preschool curriculum (Tools of the Mindl, multi-sensory reading strategies and social skills.)

In addition, a representative from N34S will be available with information about statewide student support resources.

This evening event is coordinated in partnership with our districts SEPAC(Special Education Parent Advisory Group) leaders. If you plan to attend, please just complete this RSVP (linked here) so we may plan for your attendance.

CURRICULUM CORNE

Recently, our educators engaged in a lively professional development day focused on enhancing clasuroom practices with our Tools of The Mind Curriculum trainer. Teachers were also introduced to The Early Screening Inventery - Third Edition (ESI-3), which is a screening instrument that helps identify children who may need additional support. Our team had time to practice using the screener in order to further their understanding of the tool. In the afternoon we Edition (ECIS-3), where our educators despensed their understanding of creating enriching environments that land themselves to high quality early childhood development. Through collaborative discussions, and practical applications, the professional development day was a true successif We are excited to be making these stifes towards improving and growing the Flemington-Baritan District Preschool.

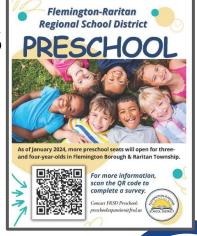


Expanded Preschool Services Vision

The Flemington-Raritan Regional School District will provide families with options for their child's early childhood education and experience while ensuring the common tenants of a high-quality preschool program are set forth within the mixed delivery system.

Expanded Preschool Services Vision

The District has been aggressively outreaching to parents, especially hardest to reach families (e.g., recent immigrants, low-income, teen parents, etc.) using TapInto publications, social media, and community partners to share information.





Expanded Preschool Services Vision

The district plans to increase enrollment each school year, broaden outreach to families, increase awareness of the program, and educate the population on the values of the preschool program.





The Lottery Process

14 Preschool Classrooms

142 Total General Education Students School Year 2024-2025











Tools of the Mind Medical Theme, Make-Believe Play







Preschool Classrooms









Preschool Expansion Award Funding

Our Preschool award is based on the number of general education preschool students we have enrolled in our program.

Every year we update our preschool general education enrollment number which then will give us an updated award amount for the following year from the NJDOE.

As our preschool program expands, so does the funding for the program.



Preschool Expansion Allocation FY24

Federal Year 2023-2024

The District PEA Award \$1,228,968

The District share (SpEd) \$ 943,482

Total Budget: \$2,172,450



Preschool Expansion Budgeted Costs FY 23-24

Instructional Salaries - Teachers \$677,545

Instructional Salaires - Teacher Assistants \$249,727

Total Instructional Salaries \$927,272

Support Services - Sal Supervisor, Clerical,

PIC/PIRS, Nurse, Coach \$352,240

Health Benefits \$305,417

Contracted Services - First Friends, Head Start \$389,010

Professional Services - Curriculum \$ 67,082

Preschool Supplies \$ 53,889

Equipment - CH Playground Upgrades \$ 77,540

Total Preschool Budget \$2,172,450



Preschool Expansion Allocation FY25

Federal Year 2024-2025

The District PEA Award \$2,219,912

The District share (SpEd) \$1,080,658

Total Budget: \$3,300,570

State Aid Award reflects an increase of \$990,944 from current year (23/24 SY). Enrollment for FY25 is projected at 210 students preschool students.



Preschool Expansion Budgeted Costs FY 24-25

| Instructional Salaries - Teachers | \$ 863,793 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
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Instructional Salaires - Teacher Assistants \$ 287,891

Total Instructional Salaries \$1,151,684

420,273

Support Services - Sal Supervisor, Admin, Clerical,

Health Benefits

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| PIC/PIRS, Nurse, Coach | \$ 536,972 |
|------------------------|---------------|
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Contracted Services - Private Providers/Head Start \$ 919,900

Professional Services - Curriculum \$ 55,300

Preschool Supplies \$ 58,690

Equipment - CH Playground Upgrades/Classroom \$ 157,751

Total Preschool Budget \$3,300,570



Preschool Expansion Award HISTORY

In 2023-24, the District applied and received its first preschool expansion award funding.

+\$1,228,968

+2,219,912

Year 1: 2023-2024

The District received a total amount of \$1,228,968 for preschool expansion funding. However, the District's requirement to fund preschool is \$943,482 for a total budgeted amount of \$2,172,450.

Year 2: 2024-2025

The District received a total amount of \$2,219,912 for preschool expansion funding. However, the District's requirement to fund preschool is \$1,080,658 for a total budgeted amount of \$3,300,570.



FRSD Partners 2024-2025





















Resources:

The New Jersey Strategic Plan for Preschool Expansion Phase 2: The Foundation Chapter 13A, Elements of High-Quality Preschool Programs

Flemington-Raritan Releasing Survey for New Preschool Program

Flemington-Raritan District to Receive State Funding for Preschool Expansion



