

January 5, 2024

Dear Flemington-Raritan Parents, Staff, and Community Members,

Our District is pleased and proud to share that preschool expansion begins on January 16, 2024. The district received an award from the New Jersey Department of Education for \$1.2 million to expand preschool services to our community families allowing for a free, high-quality preschool to our preschool students ages 3 and 4. Families interested in preschool for the 2024-2025 school year will find information on our district website under the preschool tab. An in-person information session is available on January 23, 2024 and online registration will be available on that date as well.

The countdown is on as we are eager to welcome more preschool students into our program! All new preschool families should stop by their child's preschool location to pick up a welcome packet. It will provide relevant information and some personal touches from your child's preschool.

For those already in our preschool program, please put a reminder in your calendars! We will be extending the end of the day from 2:00 PM to 3:35 PM on January 16th. The preschool hours will be the same as the hours for Grades K-4. That means the preschool program housed at Copper Hill School and Robert Hunter School will have the same start and end times as the rest of the school. The preschool program hours are as follows:

*Regular Day: 8:55 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.

Scheduled/Unscheduled Early Dismissal: 8:55 a.m. - 1:20 p.m.

Delayed Opening: 10:25 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.

**The Robert Hunter and Copper Hill Principals have provided information regarding pick up and drop off times and details. Please reach out to Mrs. Braynor (Robert Hunter Principal) or Mr. Lockett (Copper Hill Principal) if you have questions about pick up and drop off.*

**Families whose children attend preschool at Norwescap and First Friends should be sure to check with their preschool provider for the correct start and end times.*

Transportation for families ***who requested transportation to and/or from preschool*** has not been finalized yet. Our District is still working to resolve transportation issues for families who do not currently receive transportation services but did request it. Transportation remains a challenge; however, our team is working diligently to address and resolve this matter. **Families who have not been receiving preschool transportation services already will need to continue to arrange transportation to and from preschool until further notice. We will contact families once we have confirmed transportation with all the relevant transportation information.**

At the January 4, 2024 Board of Education meeting, we shared information and an update about the preschool expansion program. The presentation is [linked here](#). In addition, we aired a new preschool video, [linked here](#). It features some of our preschool teachers and an overview of the program. Our District also launched a new

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preschool website that includes contact information, Frequently Asked Questions, and a preschool Virtual Backpack. The site is [linked here](#).

And finally, we are seeking your input on our **Preschool Mascot!** Our families and staff are encouraged to take this [simple survey](#) which will help us coin our Flemington-Raritan Preschool mascot. Please take a moment to complete the survey before February 1st. The final color theme and mascot design will follow, along with a new line of preschool spirit wear! We are very excited for the great opportunities we are availing to our youngest learners in the Flemington-Raritan School District community.

Sincerely,
Dr. Kari McGann
Superintendent of Schools

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