



FLEMINGTON-RARITAN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Kindergarten Parent/Guardian:

Welcome to Kindergarten! We are looking forward to your child's arrival in September. As part of the planning process, we will be continuing our use of a Kindergarten developmental assessment titled, the *Early Screening Inventory-Revised (ESI-R)*.

The District has used this assessment for years, and we have found it helpful in getting to know our new kindergarten students and for planning instruction that meets each child's needs. It will also allow us to create well-rounded kindergarten classes since we are no longer restricted by the practicalities of bussing routes as in the past.

Please understand that the results are for the school's planning purposes only, and the results will have no bearing whatsoever in the enrollment process. All children who are five years old on or before October 1, 2021 are automatically eligible, as in the past.

Your child's principal will be sharing information about scheduling a time for you to bring your child to school for this assessment. The assessment will be administered by one of our certified teachers who has been trained in the use of the ESI-R.

The assessment takes approximately 20-30 minutes during which each child's performance will be sampled in the areas of speech, language, cognition, perception, and motor coordination. Since the ESI-R is intended to survey a child's ability to acquire skills rather than a child's current level of skill achievement and performance, no preparation is needed. Parents may wish to explain to their child that they are visiting their new school to play a few educational games with one of teachers they will get to know when school starts.

If you should have any questions about scheduling or the ESI-R, please do not hesitate to contact your child's principal.

Sincerely,

Daniel E. Bland
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