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Ms. Eveny de Mendez

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Dear West Orange Preschool Community,

We are pleased and excited to announce that the West Orange Public Schools has been awarded Preschool Expansion Aid beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. Preschool classes for 144 (3) and (4) year old students are scheduled to commence on September 28th at the following locations:

- 4 District Preschool Classes housed @ West Orange Community House
- 2 Private Provider Preschool Classes @ West Orange Community House
- 3 Head Start Preschool Classes @ MCDC Montclair
- 2 Preschool Inclusion Classes @ BMELC

We are grateful to our Board, Preschool Expansion Committee, the Executive PTA Council, and each of the members of our school community who have contributed their time, knowledge, commitment and support to secure the district's goal of providing full time, high quality, early childhood education to approximately 922 three and four year old residents at no cost to parents over the next five years.

The district will move expeditiously over the next few weeks to effectively implement each of the preschool components that have been carefully planned for throughout the application process. Direct communication will be made with each of our preschool families, district departments and private providers over the next few days to implement next steps and progress updates will be provided to the West Orange School Community on our Preschool Website.

A Special Board Meeting has been scheduled virtually for Tuesday, September 13th at 10am to approve the Preschool Program, Private Provider Contracts and Preschool Staff.

We are excited beyond measure at the life changing impact that two consecutive years of early childhood education will afford the youngest students of our school community.

With grateful regards,

Eveny de Mendez
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction

