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Dear Lopatcong Township School District Parents/Guardians,

Earlier this year, the district submitted its application for the Preschool Expansion Aid being offered by the State of New Jersey. On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, the state released an embargoed notice to the district. The notice states that the district is required to attend a mandatory, targeted technical assistance workshop, which we did on October 5<sup>th</sup>. The Department of Early Childhood Education informed us of the additional requirements and documents needed to submit. The district administration is working diligently to complete the remaining required components and submit them before the deadline of November 10<sup>th</sup>. Although the initial notification of preschool aid funded schools was released without Lopatcong included, we are still likely to secure this funding when the additional documents and requirements are submitted.

Once we hear back from the Department of Education, we will update the community. We remain very optimistic that we will be able to see this through for a January 3<sup>rd</sup> start date. We will also be organizing several events and establishing our Early Childhood Advisory Council to help guide the implementation of full day preschool in anticipation of receiving a decision in the affirmative from the DOE.

A copy of the notice from the Department of Education can be found on the district website main page or this URL address: <https://www.lopatcongschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2023-2034-NFO-Lopatcong-Township.pdf>

Thank you for your patience as we see this process through.

Optimistically,

Israel Marmolejos  
Superintendent  
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