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Dear Lopatcong Township School District Preschool Parents/Guardians,

As you know, Lopatcong Township School District submitted an application to receive state funding for our preschool program. On October 5th, the district met with a representative from the Department of Early Childhood Education to review our application and were told that we were required to submit additional information. The district began the difficult and challenging work to fulfill the requirements. As we reviewed our current set up and configurations, we realized that there are several areas to address before we can make this happen for the community. In short, we are not pursuing the funding for full-day preschool until we address the issues that will inhibit our success.

In collaboration with several staff members, Mrs. Wayne and the Child Study Team, we will be addressing all areas and will be ready to apply for the funding for the 2024-2025 school year. As an educator, I know very well that early childhood education has a monumental, positive impact on the lives of our children, and I am absolutely dedicated to making this happen for our school and community. We will be putting several plans in place to prepare for the next Notice of Grant Opportunity for Preschool Expansion which is anticipated to be released in July of 2024.

I am extremely sorry and disappointed that we could not make this happen this year, but we will be working diligently to have a successful application for the 2024-2025 school year. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the middle school Ext 3100.

Sincerely,

Israel Marmolejos
Superintendent