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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

## Piscataway Schools Announces Free Preschool Availability for 2021-2022 School Year

Piscataway, NJ, April 12, 2021 – Thanks to the New Jersey Department of Education Preschool Expansion Aid, Piscataway Township Schools can offer free preschool to Piscataway families. A total of 329 seats in Children's Corner Preschool classrooms will be offered to children who will be three or four years old by October 1, 2021. Seats are available at both the River Campus at 2300 Cooper Street and Pond Campus at 499 New Market Road.

Children's Corner offers full-day programs, five days a week for both three and four year olds. Class size is limited to 15 students.

Classrooms are designed with learning centers that focus on literacy, blocks and puzzles, science exploration, dramatic play, music, and theme-based learning. Lessons follow the Tools of the Mind curriculum, which enables teachers to provide young children with the skills necessary for learning.

The program recognizes that children have different learning styles and incorporates each child's unique needs into daily activities. In addition to classroom teachers and aides, Children's Corner staff includes fulltime nurses, social workers, and English as a Second Language services.

"Our preschool program offers a warm, nurturing, enriching environment that encourages exploration, builds social skills, and prepares students for their next steps in kindergarten," noted Kim Georgeian, Director of Community Programs for Piscataway Schools. "We are so happy that this funding from the state enables us to offer our early childhood education to so many families."

Applications are available for Piscataway families only. Registration is through Community Pass, with a registration deadline of April 23. You must have or create a Community Pass account to register. After logging in, click "Browse Activities" then "Free Preschool Expansion Aid Program 2021-2022." All applications will be reviewed and families will be notified of acceptance. All families will be waitlisted until reviewed.

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## **About Piscataway Township Schools**

Serving over 7,000 students, Piscataway Township Schools provide K - 12 and preschool programming, special education instructional programs and services, as well as before and aftercare, adult education classes, youth enrichment programs, and summer youth programs. The mission of the Piscataway Township Schools is the continual development of each child's intellectual, aesthetic, social and physical abilities in a positive environment that fosters selfesteem, to help all students realize their abilities and gifts.