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Lawrence Township to Expand Preschool Under New State Aid

LTPS projected to serve nearly 500 new preschoolers by the end of five-year rollout

LAWRENCEVILLE, New Jersey — Lawrence Township Public Schools is excited to announce a significant expansion of its preschool program, thanks to its successful application for Preschool Expansion Aid (PEA) funding from the New Jersey Department of Education. This initiative, part of the Board of Education’s and Superintendent’s mission to ensure the success of all Lawrence children, will bring high-quality, universal preschool to the district at no cost to families.

The district has been preparing to begin the expansion immediately, opening its first new class on February 20, a revamping of the existing Cardinal Kids program to a five-day a week, full day preschool program housed in Lawrence High School. In addition to serving more three and four-year-olds, the expanded program, which previously existed on a smaller scale, will also allow more high school students to enroll in the popular “Early Childhood Growth and Development” course in the future. The hands-on experience in this class allows high school students to apply their theoretical knowledge in a real-world “laboratory” setting. The program also serves as a pivotal component in building a pipeline of educators.

“We are excited about the long-term impact of the Cardinal Kids program at LHS,” said Dr. Robyn Klim, Superintendent of Lawrence Township Public Schools. “Our oldest and youngest students in the district will have the opportunity to learn and grow from one another.”

The second additional preschool class scheduled to open this school year will be in one the district’s own elementary schools, and will likely open after Spring Break. The district is slated to open additional classrooms each year, and by the plan’s fifth year, the district is projected to open its doors to nearly 500 Lawrence Township preschoolers.

This preschool expansion is a wonderful example of Lawrence Township Public School’s commitment to equity and access for all students,” said Klim. “The aim is to remove barriers and provide equal opportunities for families, an effort that aligns with our strategic plan.”

For more information on the district’s preschool expansion, strategic plan, or to view the application, please visit www.ltps.org/preschool.

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About Lawrence Township Public Schools

Situated in the heart of central New Jersey, Lawrence Township Public Schools serve a diverse population of students and families. This cultural diversity adds to the uniqueness and appeal of our seven schools. Over 1,300 students attend our four PK-3 elementary schools, over 920 students in grades 4-6 attend Lawrence Intermediate School, over 590 students in grades 7-8 attend Lawrence Middle School, and over 1,150 students attend Lawrence High School.

