



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
Dr. Nicholas A. Diaz, Superintendent

January 14, 2022

Dear FTS Family,

Our District is moving to the next phase for potentially expanding our current integrated preschool program. We have created an FAQ document that can be accessed below. In order to move forward, we would need enough full tuition paying students to cover the program costs. The full day tuition cost is \$7,150 for the year for residents and \$7,650 for non-residents. In order to register we are asking for a \$715 deposit (\$765 for non-residents) by **March 4, 2022** which will be used towards the last month's tuition. If the District does not move forward with the expanded program, the following will be the process to return the deposits:

- The District will contact all those who gave deposits.
- Parents/guardians can request their deposits to be returned immediately or ask to be part of the lottery for the regular preschool program. If they are not selected by the lottery, the deposit will be returned.

Deposit checks should be mailed to our school address with **ATTN: Kim Schuler**. We will inform the community about the status of the preschool expansion the week of March 7th. You will find the FAQ document on the second page of this letter. I hope you all have a wonderful 2022.

Yours in education,

Dr. Nicholas A. Diaz



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FAQ Document

Q: What is the current format for the preschool program?

- *Currently the district has one preschool program with one teacher. Three year olds and four year olds attend the class together. This is an integrated program with special education students attending alongside general education students. The District is looking to expand to two separate programs (3 & 4 year old program).*

Q: Is there a lottery system?

- Preference will be given to current students enrolled, township residents, and staff with preschool aged children. If the number of applicants exceeds available slots, a lottery will be held. If seats are available, registration will be opened to non-resident students.

Q: Is there a tuition difference between township residents and those out of the district?

- *Yes, tuition for residents will be \$7,150 for the year and for non-residents it will be \$7,650.*

Q: If opting out of the program for next year, will this impact the ability of the student to attend the kindergarten program once eligible?

- *No, township residents are able to register their child for kindergarten regardless of their preschool status. To be eligible for kindergarten, children must be township residents and turn five years old by October 1st.*



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Q: What is the max number of students that will be in each of the classes?

- The max number of preschool children will be between 13-15 in each class.

Q: Will covid restrictions impact the class size?

- *No, current guidelines for three feet of social distancing will not impact class size. If the DOH/CDC moves back to six feet of social distancing in schools, this would still not impact the class size.*

Q: What will the student to teacher ratio be?

- Each class will have one certified teacher and one instructional aide. The ratio for adults to children in the room will be approximately 1:7.

Q: Will there be an option for part time?

- *No, if the district expands to two full-time preschool sections, all part-time options will be eliminated.*

Q: Will the school offer virtual instruction since the days will now be full time for kids required to quarantine due to covid exposure.

- *Yes, developmentally appropriate virtual instruction will be available.*

Q: Will there be a mandatory nap/quiet time?

- *Yes, there will be a nap/quiet time for each preschool section. This will last approximately 45-60 minutes.*



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Q: Is lunch time going to be within the classroom or in the cafeteria?

- *Preschool lunch will be in the classroom.*

Q: As things change and develop will parents have the ability to get a refund for the deposit prior to the start of the 2022/2023 year?

- *No, the deposit is non-refundable unless we do not offer the program.*

Q: Will there be a zoom call for parents of current students to discuss questions/concerns regarding the program in advance of providing a deposit?

- *Yes, a Zoom meeting for Q/A will be held on January 26th from 9am-9:30am. The link will be available the morning of the 26th on the District home page.*

Q: Will there be bus options for the Pre-K students in the full day program?

- *No, transportation will not be provided (unless it is part of a child's IEP). Parents/guardians will be responsible for transportation.*

Q: Will the students have the ability to take mask breaks?

- *This is subject to change based on updated DOH/DOE guidance. Currently, students will be able to remove their masks when outside and when they are actively eating/drinking.*



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Q: When will the school make a final decision regarding the expansion of the program for next year?

- *The District will require an initial non-refundable deposit of one month's tuition payment by Friday, March 4, 2022. If the District has enough registered students (at least 10 per class) by March 4th, then the program will move forward for the 2022-23 School Year. If not, then all deposits will be returned and the District will continue to operate under the current preschool program. If the lottery system is utilized, any deposits for students who were not selected will be returned.*