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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FALL 2019



Fall 2019 is already a success! October 1 marked the **start of classes for all of the 28 newest expansion districts;** Education Commissioner Repollet cited pre-k expansion as **both the proudest accomplishment and as priority** for the coming school year; **previous expansion districts provided additional seats for 3- and 4-year-olds** in their communities to continue ongoing pre-k expansion!

But wait -- don't 'fall' back! **There's more to do.....**

CLASSES UNDERWAY IN ALL 28 NEW EXPANSION DISTRICTS!

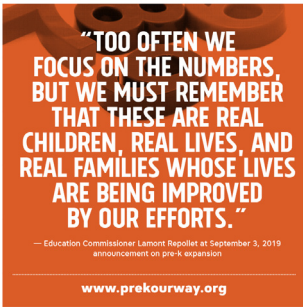
Thousands of NJ's 3- and 4-year-olds are officially new preschoolers! Congratulations to the **28 newest pre-k expansion districts** - you've worked hard to receive funding and to begin the school year! Working families across NJ know the importance of NJ's pre-k - high-quality, state-funded, full-day - but especially families in the following school districts welcome it beginning with this school year:

Buena Regional - Somers Point - Weymouth - Beverly City - Burlington Twp. - Edgewater Park - Gloucester Twp. - Mount Ephraim - Dennis Twp. - Middle Twp. - Belleville - Glassboro - National Park - Kearny - High Bridge - Princeton - Sayreville - Farmingdale - Ocean Twp. (Monmouth) - Dover - Netcong - Ocean Twp. (Ocean) - Tuckerton - Woodland Park - Mannington - Montague - Stillwater Twp. - Winfield

"I'm so flippin' excited!" was the immediate reaction from a South Jersey resident in Gloucester Township to the selection of the district for pre-k expansion. **"This is one of the best investments we can make as a community and as a state** and we are grateful to everyone - the legislators, the governor [Phil Murphy] and the advocates - who have made this possible," was the sentiment in Sayreville. [READ MORE](#)



WHEN CAN TWO QUESTIONS HAVE THE SAME ANSWER? (HINT: WHEN THEY RELATE TO NJ'S PRE-K!)



NJDOE Commissioner Repollet recently provided an identical response for two questions. In a September interview aired on NJTV and covered in NJ Spotlight, the **Commissioner cited pre-k expansion as both a top priority in the coming year and the proudest accomplishment.** "The pre-K expansion, absolutely....not just in urban communities but all ZIP codes. It's a great way to boost the economy locally, but more importantly, it gives our kids, early learners, an opportunity to really start early on getting a high-quality education." The full interview covers multiple education issues with pre-k expansion receiving prominent recognition multiple times - watch within the first minute, then again less than a minute later! **READ AND VIEW MORE**

EXPANDING EXPANSION... SHARE THE NEWS!



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SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH NEW JERSEY'S STATE-FUNDED, FULL-DAY, HIGH-QUALITY PUBLIC PRESCHOOL PROGRAM (updated and NJDOE confirmed for the 2019-2020 school year)

- *Italic* indicates the original 35 districts (funding for **ages** 3- and 4-year-old in the community).
- Regular font (non-italic) indicates state-funded pre-k for all or some 3- and 4-year-olds through pre-k expansion funding and as determined by individual district. Confirm directly with the individual school district to determine access or wait list availability.

ATLANTIC COUNTY

Absecon Public School District
Atlantic City School District
Bargaintown Public Schools
Burlington Regional School District
Egg Harbor City School District
Galloway Township Public Schools
Hamilton Township School District
Northfield City Community School District
Pleasantville School District
Somers Point School District
Ventnor City School District
Weymouth Township School District

BERGEN COUNTY

Bergenfield Public School District
Bogota Public Schools
Englewood City School District
Garfield Public Schools
Hackensack City School District
Moonachie School District
Teaneck Public Schools

BURLINGTON COUNTY

Beverly City School District
Burlington Township School District
City of Burlington Public School District
Edgewater Park Township School District
Maple Shade School District
Mount Holly Township Public School District
North Hanover Township School District
Pemberton Township School District
Willingboro School District

CAMDEN COUNTY

Bellmear Public School District
Camden City Public Schools
Collingswood Public Schools
Gloucester City School District
Gloucester Township Public Schools
Lindenwold Public Schools
Mount Ephraim Public Schools
Oaklyn Public School District
Rumsenwilde School District
Waterford Township School District
Woodbury School District

CAPE MAY COUNTY

Dennis Township School District
Lower Township Elementary School District
Middle Township Public School District
North Wildwood School District
Ocean City School District
Wildwood City School District
Wildwood Crest Boro School District
Woodbine Public Schools

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CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Bridgeton Public Schools
Fairfield Township School District
Greenwich Township Public District
Hopewell Township School District
Lawrence Township Public Schools
Maurice River Township School District
Millville Public Schools
Shaw Creek Township School District
Upper Deerfield Township Schools
Vineland Public Schools

ESSEX COUNTY

Bathville Public Schools
East Orange School District
Irvington Public Schools
Newark Public Schools
Orange Board of Education
South Orange-Maplewood School District

GLoucester COUNTY

Clayton Public School District
Glenstone Public Schools
Logan Township School District
Manlius Township School District
National Park Elementary School District
Passaic School District
West Deptford School District

HUDSON COUNTY

Bayonne City School District
Harrison Public Schools
Hoboken Public Schools
Jersey City Public Schools
Keany School District
Union City School District
West New York School District

HUNTERDON COUNTY

High Bridge School District

MERCER COUNTY

Princeton Public Schools
Trenton Public Schools

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Cartersville Public Schools
Jamesburg Boro School District
New Brunswick Public Schools
North Brunswick Township Schools
Perth Amboy Public Schools
Piscataway School District
Sayreville Public Schools
South Amboy City School District
South River Public Schools

MONMOUTH COUNTY

Asbury Park Public Schools
Baird School District
Bradley Beach Boro School District
Eatontown Public Schools
Farmingdale Public School District
Freehold Borough School District
Highlands Boro School District
Keansburg School District
Keyport Boro School District
Lake Como School District
Long Branch Public Schools
Marlton City School District
Neptune Township Schools
Red Bank Borough Public Schools
Township of Ocean School District
Union Beach School District

MORRIS COUNTY

Dover School District (Victory Gardens)
Boonton Public Schools
Morris School District
Netcong School District
Wharton Boro School District

OCEAN COUNTY

Barneget Township School District
Berkeley Township School District
Brick Township Public Schools
Lakewood Boro School District
Lakewood School District
Little Egg Harbor Township School District
Ocean Township School District
Stafford Township School District
Tuckerton Borough School District

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PASSAIC COUNTY

Clifton Public Schools
Haledon Boro School District
Passaic City School District
Paterson Public Schools
Woodland Park School District

SALEM COUNTY

Mannington Township School District
Perrineville School District
Pittsgrove Township School District
Salem City School District

SOMERSET COUNTY

Bound Brook School District
Franklin Township School District
North Plainfield Boro School District
Somerville Boro School District

SUSSEX COUNTY

Franklin Borough School District
Montague Township School District
Newton Public School District
Ogdensburg Borough School District
Sillwater Township School District

UNION COUNTY

Elizabeth Public Schools
Hillside Township School District
Plainfield Public School District
Rahway City School District
Roselle Park School District
Township of Union Public Schools
Winfield Township School District

WARREN COUNTY

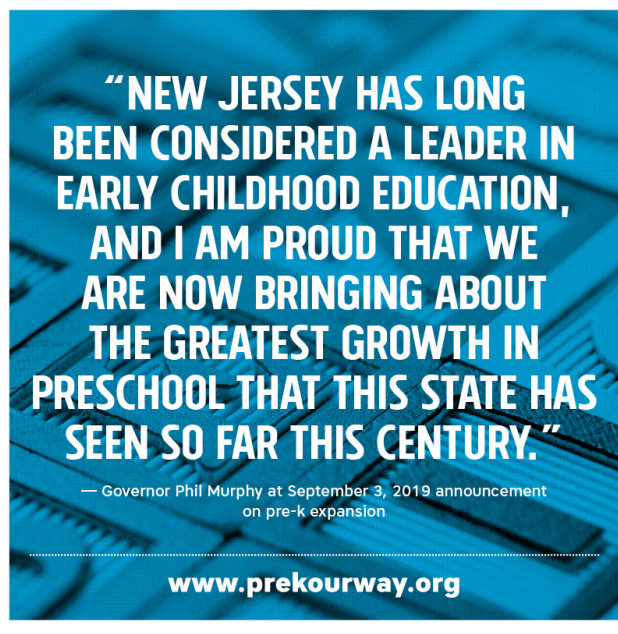
Belvidere School District
Phillipsburg School District
Washington Borough School District

Did you know that this year's pre-k expansion includes more than the addition of the newest 28 districts? The **current school year brings the total to 140+ school districts with state-funded full-day pre-k.** There are **many districts with classes - and additional students - added since their initial expansion in one of the two previous years!** As an example, Logan Township now provides 90 kids with a quality full day pre-k program. Like other school districts, they've added classes since their initial expansion in a prior year, and Logan Township's "back to school program gets parents more involved in the work of making sure that all students receive a free quality pre-k experience". Thanks for the local info goes to Beverly Green, Principal, in Logan Township!

Share your pre-k expansion news! Send a short paragraph about how your district has continued to expand the number of classes - and the number of students! Send Pre-K Our Way links to recent news stories in your local newspapers or blogs! You can reach us at info@prekourway.org then **see your pre-k expansion success and celebration on our website and social media!**

WHAT'S NEXT?

There's more to do! In celebrating pre-k expansion at the start of the 2018-2019 school year - last year, Governor Murphy said "Every child deserves the opportunity to have access to quality pre-k programs and...the tools and support they need to reach their greatest potential." **Pre-K Our Way remains committed - with YOU - to a strategic focus on continued pre-k expansion, and even more significant state-funding.**



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