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Mr. Roger Leon, Chief School Administrator  
Newark Public School District  
765 Broad Street  
Newark, NJ 07102

**Subject: Wrap Around Services Enhancement Grants**

Dear Mr. Leon:

We are pleased to announce that the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), Division of Early Childhood Services, has made available Wrap Around Services Enhancement grants to fulfill the FY 2025 budget allocation of \$4,500,000 to reduce family cost-sharing for before-school, after-school, and summer "wrap-around" childcare. The amount your district is receiving is based on a per-child rate (\$113 per child) from your approved FY 2025 enrollment of preschool, including in-district, private provider, and Head Start providers. Newark Public School District received \$756,690.00.

Each school district will administer and award the grant funds internally and to its contracted private providers and Head Start programs providing preschool services. Head Start and private providers will apply to the district directly for funds.

The district can determine how grant funds will be disseminated to ensure the effective and efficient use of these funds (i.e., direct payments to families, reimbursement, direct purchase on behalf of the provider(s), or a combination of these options).

**District Responsibilities:**

- Inform providers and Head Start programs of the funding opportunity;
- Inform the NJDOE by February 15, 2025, of how the funds will be disseminated and used;
- Ensure the timely dissemination of funds/payments to providers and Head Start programs;
- Document all transactions for those approved and denied (including documentation of communications and actions, verification of purchases, and/or on-site visits); and
- Issue an interim report, no later than April 1, 2025, and a final report no later than July 30, 2025. The reports should document how the funds were used, who received them, the amount received, and feedback from Head Start and the provider.

These funds can only be used to reduce family cost-sharing for before-school, after-school, and summer wrap-around childcare. They cannot be used to supplant per-pupil rates for private providers and Head Start programs. All funds must be liquidated by June 30, 2025.

Examples of approved items and purchases include:

- Covering family co-pays;
- Covering the differential of childcare subsidy/vouchers and the cost charged to paying families;
- Assisting families who do not receive a subsidy;
- Transportation or related transportation costs to and from wrap-around care; and
- Activities to boost enrollment such as waiving fees for before, after, or summer care.

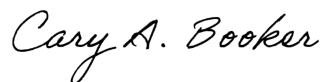
Unallowable items and purchases include:

- Technology purchased to loan to families;
- Payroll;
- Curriculum materials for classrooms; and
- Any materials the district expects to be returned from the families or plans to use within the classroom.

Revenue to the district for this grant should be recorded in the special revenue fund in revenue code 20-3290 "Other State Projects," line number 765 and in the special revenue fund Revenue from State Sources section on the line entitled "Other Restricted Entitlements." Appropriations should be recorded in fund 20 in the program code in the range 431 to 449 for "Other State Projects." This program will be recorded on appropriation line 88140 for "Other State Projects."

We wish you and your staff continued success in the implementation of your preschool programs. If you have any questions, please contact Selina Foreman at (609) 376-3653 or email [Selina.foreman@doe.nj.gov](mailto:Selina.foreman@doe.nj.gov).

Sincerely,



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