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Dear Lumberton Families,

As many of you know, the Lumberton Township School District recently applied for Preschool Education Aid (PEA) through the New Jersey Department of Education, in an effort to offer free preschool to four-year-old students. Unfortunately, we have been notified that the Lumberton Township School District was not one of the 28 district selected in this competitive process. This means that the Lumberton Township School District will not be offering expanded preschool for four-year old students during the 2019-20 school year.

While this news is disappointing, I am very proud of the work that went into the submission of the PEA application. Through this process, we gained insight that will prove beneficial in our future plans. This includes: educating ourselves about best practices, looking to extend the district's equity work to students of all ages, and communicating with families during the Preschool Expansion Information Sessions. It was encouraging to speak with so many of you about the possibilities of preschool expansion here in Lumberton.

Moving forward, the Lumberton Township School District remains committed to applying for these funds in future years, with the goal of significantly expanding preschool opportunities for the children of our community. We believe that continuing to gather feedback from stakeholders is critical to any future opportunities for preschool expansion that the district may be presented with. We plan to move forward with starting our Preschool Expansion Committee and are looking for volunteers to participate in these meetings.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you are interested in participating on the Preschool Expansion Committee.

Sincerely,

Caryn Zweben
Supervisor of Pupil Personnel Services