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Mr. Gerald Dalton, Superintendent  
Brick Township School District  
101 Hendrickson Avenue  
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**SUBJECT: 2018-2019 PRESCHOOL EDUCATION EXPANSION AID (PEEA) ONE-YEAR OPERATIONAL PLAN**

Dear Mr. Dalton:

In accordance with the Notification of Funding Opportunity issued by the New Jersey Department of Education, Division of Early Childhood Education (DECE), the Brick Township School District submitted an application to receive Preschool Education Expansion Aid (PEEA), including the required One-Year Operational Plan and Budget Workbook for the 2018-2019 school year. Based on a thorough review, we are pleased to notify you that Brick Township's application is approved for funding. Congratulations!

The Brick Township School District will receive \$690,965 in PEEA. With this and other funding, the district indicates that it will serve 30 full day general education preschool children and 50 half day general education preschool children in 2018-2019. Please note that PEEA is intended to fund only general education students. Preschoolers with disabilities, regardless of whether they are served in self-contained or inclusive settings, are included in the resident enrollment count which is used to determine State aid pursuant to the School Funding Reform Act. Therefore, districts should use local funds and funds made available under SFRA, excluding PEA and PEEA, for the education of students with disabilities. In addition, IDEA Part B funds may be used to pay for the excess cost of educating preschool students with disabilities. PEEA is based upon your approved projected enrollment.

If an LEA is offering a full-day general education program for its general education preschool students, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.1(c), preschool children with disabilities must have access to a full-day program as well. This applies to preschoolers with disabilities, either in a general education or special education setting, within the district or within separate public or approved private schools for students with disabilities.

If tuition was collected for any in-district children, all funding for the 2018-2019 school year must be returned to the families. Please note that the district may only take out-of-district tuition students if space is available after eligible district children are served. Beginning in 2019, preschool student tuition must be charged at a rate comparable to the per pupil rate provided in

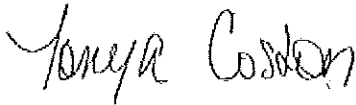
state aid. The costs for tuition students can either be fully charged to the family or off-set with the use of district general funds.

The DIG-Develop, Inspire, Grow Curriculum is not approved by the DECE. The district is required to select and purchase one of the DECE approved curricula and provide professional development to your early childhood staff in curriculum implementation. We encourage you to take advantage of free curriculum training sponsored by Grow NJ Kids. Once the district chooses a new curriculum, provide our office with a program update and revised professional development schedule.

The DECE will provide professional development and technical assistance geared toward the implementation of high-quality preschool programming, including site visits, webinars and conference calls. Your district liaison will be contacting you in the coming weeks to discuss next steps to assist you with your planning.

If you have any questions, please email [docearlychild@doe.nj.gov](mailto:docearlychild@doe.nj.gov) or contact the Division of Early Childhood Education at (609) 376-9077. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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