

Hackettstown Public Schools Inclusive Preschool

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Current Program

- **Preschool Disability Program (PSD)**
 - Two half-day programs (AM & PM)
 - 9 students
 - One teacher & aides based on student needs
 - Students receive 2.5 hours of instruction per day.
 - All students receive related services (Occupational, Physical, and Speech therapy).

- **Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Preschool class**
 - 1 full day program
 - 6 students
 - One teacher & aides based on student needs
 - 3 students are currently shared with PSD
 - All students receive related services (Occupational, Physical, and Speech therapy).

Needs Analysis 2019-2020

- **Implement a full day program for Preschool Disabled students**
 - More time to address needs
 - Meet Goals & Objectives
 - Kindergarten readiness
 - Related services
 - Immersion into special areas (Art, Music, PE, Library, Tech)
- **Continue to maximize opportunities to share between ASD & PSD**
 - Provide Least Restrictive Environment
 - Promote communication and pro-social skills
- **Offer as an Inclusive Preschool to the community**
 - Benefit to both PSD and general education preschool students & the community
 - Create a revenue opportunity for the District

Indicators for Success

Great Meadows Inclusive Preschool implemented 2016-2017

- Started with one class & added another by January 2017
 - 3/4 year old class & 4/5 year old class
- Opened up tuition seats based on a lottery system
 - 2016-2017 – 6 students (30K revenue)
 - 2017-2018 – 15 students (57K revenue)
 - 2018-2019 – 20 students (87K revenue)
- Going into the 3rd year, a higher number of students are being declassified entering Kindergarten!
- Our general education students are better prepared for Kindergarten!

Creative Curriculum

- Addresses Kindergarten readiness of all students
- Aligned with the NJDOE Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards for social/emotional development
 - Standard 1 – Demonstration of self-confidence
 - Standard 2 – Demonstration of self-direction
 - Standard 3 – Identification and expression of feelings
 - Standard 4 – Positive interactions with other children & adults
 - Standard 5 – Pro-social behaviors
- Infusion of the skills that are assessed in Kindergarten screening promoting language, literacy, math, science, social studies, and physical skills.

Proposed Program

- Two Inclusive Preschool Classes
- Housed in Hatchery Hill with the Primary ASD room
- Class limit of 15 students (PSD & General Ed)
- Offer 10-20 tuition seats

Budget Needs

- 1 FT teacher
- 1 FT aide
- Classroom furnishings
- *The Creative Curriculum for Preschool*

Implementation Plan

- Final approval from the Board of Education
- Tuition rate established by the Board
- Brochure circulated
- Promote at our Spring Parent Advisory Committee Meeting, Principal Forums etc.
- Teacher & aide interview process
- Lottery for general education students on June 1, 2019
- Set up one room in Hatchery Hill by June 30, 2019
- Extended School Year 2019 begins July 2, 2019
- Order all materials for the second room & set up by July 30, 2019
- Host an ice cream social for all students in August 2019.
- Begin the 2019-2020 school year!



Questions?

Thank You!

