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FROM: Lola Vallaire-Thomas, Early Childhood Supervisor

DATE: January 19, 2021

SUBJECT: 2021 – 2022 Coordinated Funding Request

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) requires that the Vermilion Parish Early Childhood Community Network provide the opportunity for public comment regarding the number of requested seats for the 2021-2022 school year. According to Section 709 of Bulletin 140, each Lead Agency must submit a Coordinated Funding Request on behalf of their Community Network to the LDOE.

The purpose of the Coordinated Funding Request is to allow early childhood networks to ask the State Department of Education for funding to support enrollment for the upcoming school year. Within our network, the Vermilion Parish LA4 Pre-Kindergarten program and the Preschool Development Grant for Type III childcare and early head start programs that offer services for children birth to three years old will be included in this request. These programs serve at-risk children and have income eligibility requirements for the participating families. Each program partner reviewed their October 1st Child Count Data, waiting list numbers and Child Care Assistance enrollment counts for birth to three year olds to evaluate their capacity levels which determines the number of seats we are requesting. See the attached document.

The Vermilion Early Childhood Community Network requests that the following be posted to the Vermilion Parish web page to inform the public and provide the opportunity for public comment:

The Vermilion Parish Early Childhood Community Network requests from the Louisiana Department of Education that 30 additional seats be provided above the 270 active seats that currently exist for the LA4 School based program.

In addition, we are requesting that the Louisiana Department of Education provide 150 seats through the Preschool Development Grant to increase access to childcare and education for birth to three-year-old children in our network's eligible childcare and early head start center.

In Vermilion, we do not have any NSECD or Pre-K Expansion Grant classrooms so we are not requesting any seats for these programs for the 2021-2022 school year.

Comments or questions regarding this request can be submitted by Friday, January 29, 2021 no later than 12:00 P.M. to Lola Vallaire-Thomas by email early.learning@vpsb.net, or in person at the Vermilion Parish School Board offices, or by mail:

ATTN: Lola Vallaire-Thomas, Vermilion Parish School Board, 220 South Jefferson St., Abbeville, LA 70510

Vermilion Early Childhood Community Network

2021 – 2022 Coordinated Funding Request

Funding Type	Ages Served	Number of Children Currently Enrolled 2020-2021	Number of Children on Waiting Lists 2020-2021	Number of Seats Requested for 2021-2022	Requested By
LA4	Four year olds	270	12	300	Vermilion Parish Public Schools Pre-Kindergarten

Preschool Development Grant INFANT Seat Request		
Site Name	Total Number of Children Currently Enrolled	Total Number of Seats Requesting for 2021-2022
A+ Too	15	5
Bright Beginnings	5	4
Kiddie Land	5	3
Little Scholars	4	4
Mommy's Helping Hands	5	4
Sams' Kids' Safari	12	5
United Way of Acadiana-Abbeville Early Learning Site/Home Based	4	9
Total Seat Request		34

Preschool Development Grant ONES Seat Request		
Site Name	Total Number of Children Currently Enrolled	Total Number of Seats Requesting for 2021-2022
A+ Too	25	5
Bright Beginnings	7	6
Kiddie Land	14	6
Little Scholars	4	4
Mommy's Helping Hands	8	5
Sams' Kids' Safari	8	6
United Way of Acadiana-Abbeville Early Learning Site/Home Based	5	8
Total Seat Request		40

Preschool Development Grant TWOS Seat Request		
Site Name	Total Number of Children Currently Enrolled	Total Number of Seats Requesting for 2021-2022
A+ Too	18	6
Bright Beginnings	3	7
Kiddie Land	22	6
Little Scholars	9	6
Mommy's Helping Hands	8	6
Sams' Kids' Safari	15	4
United Way of Acadiana-Abbeville Early Learning Site/Home Based	16	8
Total Seat Request		43

Preschool Development Grant THREES Seat Request		
Site Name	Total Number of Children Currently Enrolled	Total Number of Seats Requesting for 2021-2022
A+ Too	13	4
Bright Beginnings	3	3
Kiddie Land	26	5
Little Scholars	12	6
Mommy's Helping Hands	7	5
Sams' Kids' Safari	17	5
United Way of Acadiana-Abbeville Early Learning Site/Home Based	3	5
Total Seat Request		33

Total Number of Seats Being Requested for Birth to 3 year old=150