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Dear Parents:

As we approach March 2022, COVID-19 continues to create uncertainty for school districts. While we do not yet know if we will be able to offer a UPK program for the 22/23 school year, we're reaching out to our elementary families with details on registration for both Kindergarten and Universal Pre-Kindergarten. If you have friends or neighbors with similarly-aged children, please feel free to share the following details with them as well.

The Glens Falls City School District has a vibrant academic program for our youngest students, designed to foster a love of learning that carries them all the way to graduation and beyond. We welcome new families into this educational journey, and look forward to partnering with parents to help our children succeed.

Universal Pre-Kindergarten lottery in the time of COVID-19

If your son or daughter is a resident in the Glens Falls City School District and will be four years old by December 1, 2022, he or she is eligible to enter the **Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) lottery**. This free, full-day, full-year program is focused on teaching the fundamentals of literacy and beginning math—all in a creative and stimulating environment, and taught by highly qualified and caring educators.

Please note: Students that are age-eligible to enter traditional Kindergarten (5 years old by December 1, 2022), are not eligible for UPK.

Glens Falls City Schools will continue to monitor and assess the impact of COVID-19 and our ability to offer a UPK program in the 22/23 school year. We will notify families of our ability to offer a UPK program as soon as possible. Should we be able to offer a UPK program, transportation to and from the program is the parents' responsibility.

Entry into the UPK class is determined by lottery each spring. On the district website, www.gfsd.org, parents and guardians can find the registration form, health office requirements, and other paperwork to enter the lottery for UPK. All application forms are also available in the main offices at each school building. **These completed forms, along with proof of residency, an immunization record, and the child's birth certificate, should be submitted to the District Office (15 Quade Street) by April 8, 2022.** Families will be notified of the lottery results in May or June.

Questions can be directed to Trent Clay, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction at 518-792-0107.

Kindergarten registration and screening in the time of COVID-19

Registration for new Kindergarten students will be held at Kindergarten Round-Up events at each elementary school the final week of June to limit the number of people in the schools. If you aren't sure which elementary school your child will attend, see the map of elementary school boundaries on the district's website, www.gfsd.org.

Kindergarten Round-Up and screening appointments will be held on the following days:

- **Big Cross:** June 27, 2022 - call Patty Farrell at 518-792-2619 to make your appointment
- **Kensington Rd:** June 28, 2022 - call Assunta Moore at 518-793-5151 to make your appointment
- **Jackson Heights:** June 29, 2022 - call Stacy Frandsen at 518-792-1071 to make your appointment

Kindergarten students must be five years old by December 1, 2022 in order to start school in September. Certain immunizations, proof of residence, and an original birth certificate are required for admission. Go to www.gfsd.org for more details about the paperwork you need to register, and to download registration forms. State law requires every child entering school to have had the following vaccines:

The required immunizations for new kindergarten students are:

- **4 to 5** doses of **diphtheria, tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis** (DPT, DTaP, Tetra, DT or Td) age appropriate
- **3 to 4** doses of **polio virus** vaccine (OPV or IVP) age appropriate
- **3** doses of **Hepatitis B**, except for those students who receive 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine
- **2** doses of **measles** vaccine, age appropriate
- **1** dose of **rubella** vaccine, age appropriate
- **2** dose **mumps** vaccine, age appropriate
- **2** dose **varicella (chicken pox)** vaccine entering Kindergarten or entering 6th grade.
- **1** dose of **tetanus toxoid, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis** (Tdap) entering 6th grade

The required immunizations for new Pre-Kindergarten students are:

- **4** doses **DTP**
- **3** doses **Polio**
- **3** doses **Hep B**
- **1** dose **MMR**
- **1** dose **Varicella**
- **1 to 4** doses **Haemophilus Influenzas type B** (Hib), age appropriate
- **1 to 4** doses **Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine**, age appropriate

Each of these immunizations may be administered by a family physician or through a public health clinic. For public health information, families can call the Warren County Public Health Department at 518-761-6580. Clinics will issue a card for immunizations given. Private physicians will issue a certificate for immunizations given. **In order for your child to enter school in September, the district must have a signed immunization certificate from your doctor or the clinic.**

A pre-school physical examination by your family physician is also required, and the report should be brought in at registration or before school starts in September. **The physical exam report is due no later than opening day in September.**

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