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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Thank you for beginning the process for determining if your child is eligible to attend the state funded preschool program. The state funded preschool program is an intervention program, provided to families who meet income eligibility guidelines and/or who's child is identified with a developmental delay or disability. Each family wishing for their child to attend the state funded preschool program must complete a household and income form.

- 1. Who should I include as members of my household? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
- 2. What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
- 3. We are in the military. do we include our housing allowance as income? If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
- 4. My spouse is deployed to a combat zone. is his/her combat pay counted as income? No, if the combat pay is received in addition to his/her basic pay because of his/her deployment and it wasn't received before s/he was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.
- 5. WHAT DOCUMENTS CAN I PROVIDE TO VERIFY MY INCOME? Individual Income Tax Form 1040, W-2 forms, pay stubs dated within the last month, written statements from employers, or documentation showing current status of recipients of public assistance.

If you have other questions or need help, call 859-342-2427. Sincerely,

Donna JSchulte

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING

Part 1: All Household Members (a household member is any child or adult living with you): All applicants should complete this part. List the name of each household member, the name of the school each child attends, and the child's grade. If the child is a foster child, check the box for foster child. If a household member has no income, check the box for no income. All household members, including foster children, should be included here. If you need additional space, attach a separate piece of paper.

If your child is HOMELESS, A MIGRANT OR A RUNAWAY, follow these instructions.

Part 2: Check the appropriate category.

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4: Sign the form.

If you have FOSTER CHILD(REN) ONLY, follow these instructions. You do not need to fill out a separate form for each foster child in your household. (If there are both foster children and non-foster children in your household, follow the instructions below for All Other Households).

If all children in the household are marked as foster children in Part 1:

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4: Sign the form.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, including WIC households, households with non-foster children and households with <u>both</u> foster children and non-foster children, follow these instructions:

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: Follow these instructions to report total household income from this month or last month.

- Section 1-Name: List all household members who have income.
- Section 2 Gross Income and How Often It Was Received: List the income for each household member. Check the box to tell us how often the person receives the income—weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly.
 - Earnings from work: List the gross income, not the take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions. You should be able to find it on your pay stub or your boss can tell you. Net income should only be reported for self-owned business, farm, or rental income.
 - o Welfare, Child Support, Alimony: List the amount each person receives, and check the box to tell us how often.
 - o Pensions, Retirement, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), and disability benefits. List the amount each person receives, and check the box to tell us how often they receive it.
 - O All Other Income: List Worker's Compensation, unemployment or strike benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and any other income received weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly. Do not include income from KTAP, SNAP, WIC, federal education benefits and foster payments received by your family from the placing agency.
 - o If you are in the Military Privatized Housing Initiative or get combat pay, do not include these allowances as income.

Part 4: An adult household member must sign the form. Please include your address and phone number in the event the Preschool Coordinator has a question about your information.

HOUSEHOLD AND INCOME FORM

The State-Funded Preschool Program is available to children who are 4 years old on or before August 1 and whose family income is 160% poverty or less; and, the program is available to children who are 3 or 4 years old with an identified disability. To determine income eligibility, please complete, sign and return this application to [your school district].

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Privacy Notice

The Kentucky Department of Education is requiring schools to collect the information on this form. You do not have to give this information, but if you do not, we cannot determine your child's eligibility for additional benefits under state and federal programs. We will hold the information you provide us as private and confidential to the extent required by law. However, we will share your socioeconomic status with various state and federal programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Suite 515, Philadelphia, PA 19107-3323 or call (215) 656-8541 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact U.S. DOE through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). The U.S. Department of Education is an equal opportunity provider and employer. **CHECKLIST** Have you included all your children as household members? For each household member receiving income, is the frequency checkbox checked? ☐ Have you signed the application? DO NOT FILL OUT THIS PART. THIS IS FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY. Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52; Every 2 Weeks x 26; Twice A Month x 24; Monthly x 12 Household size: Eligibility: 160% poverty___ Special Education___ Head Start ___ Over Income ___ Reason (160% poverty; Special Education; Head Start (if applicable); Over Income): Preschol Coordinator: Date: Secondary Signature: Date: _____

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