February 17, 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are excited to announce that the Somerset Integrated Early Childhood Program at North Elementary is now accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year.

There will be an option of a morning or afternoon half-day program for 3-year-olds that will be offered based on enrollment needs and availability. There will be a full-day option for 4-year-olds only. The programs will begin in September of 2023 and continue through June 2024.

Half-day programs will have a morning session Monday through Friday from 8:55 - 11:25 AM and an afternoon session Monday through Friday 12:15 - 2:45 PM. Full-day sessions for 4-year-olds will be 8:55 AM - 2:45 PM, Monday through Friday. Students in the program will also need to complete a screening. Each classroom will have one (1) Early Childhood Teacher and at least one (1) paraprofessional.

The following is additional information:

- Be able to provide your own transportation to and from school.
- Tuition is \$250 per month for ½ day sessions and \$500 for full-day sessions. Tuition is due on the first day of school and on the first day of every month through the end of the school year.
 - Tuition is prorated for children that enter the program after the start of the school year.
 - o If a family decides to apply and is deemed eligible, based on family income and family size, families can be provided tuition on a sliding fee scale. When completing the Early Childhood application, please also provide your latest tax information, i.e. W2, 1099, and a current pay stub.

If interested, please complete the online registration on the Somerset Public Schools website under the "Enroll Today" tab. Registrations must be received by **Monday, April 24, 2023** in order for your child to participate in the first round of preschool screenings. Families can register children after April 24 in order to be screened in May or June. However, a lottery will be necessary if the number of applicants exceeds the number of open spots. Parents will be notified of the lottery date if one is required.

Peer Partner Criteria

- Child must be three years old **prior to** September 1st or four years old **prior to** September 1st
- Child must reside in the Town of Somerset
- Child must be toilet-trained
- Priority will be given to four-year-old students currently in the program

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs. Paula Faria (508-324-3160), Mrs. Julia Schoonover (508-324-3170), or Dr. Paula Manchester (508-324-3171).

Sincerely, Dr. Paula Manchester Principal North Elementary School