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 9:15 - 11:40 AM and an afternoon session Monday through Friday 12:20 - 2:45 PM. Full Day sessions for 4-year-olds will be 9:15-2:45, 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 the first day of school and on the first day of every month through the end of the school year.
  - o Tuition is prorated for children that enter the program after the start of the school year.
  - o Discounts are available for multiple siblings within the same family.
  - 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 a lottery is necessary (the number of applicants exceeds the number of open spots), parents will be notified of the date when it is scheduled.

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 be entered into the Early Childhood Lottery for the 2023-2024 School Year.

## Peer Partner Criteria

- Child must be three years old **prior to** September 1<sup>st</sup> or four years old **prior to** September 1<sup>st</sup>
- 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