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Mr. Michael Citta, Superintendent
Toms River Regional School District
1144 Hooper Avenue
Toms River, New Jersey 08753

SUBJECT: 2022-2023 Preschool Education Aid (PEA) One-Year Operational Plan

Dear Mr. Citta:

In accordance with the Notification of Funding Opportunity issued by the New Jersey Department of Education, Division of Early Childhood Services (DECS), the Toms River Regional School District submitted an application for review and consideration for Preschool Education Aid (PEA). The application included a One-Year Operational Plan and Budget Workbook for the 2022-2023 school year. The DECS has carefully reviewed and scored all applications. Unfortunately, the Toms River Regional School District's application did not meet the programmatic requirements to receive PEA for the 2022-2023 school year.

We welcome the opportunity to talk with you about ways to strengthen the district's program to improve experiences for preschool children. If you would like to discuss your program or have any questions, please contact us at doeearlychild@doe.nj.gov or contact the Division of Early Childhood Services at (609) 376-9077.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Booker".

Cary A. Booker
Assistant Commissioner
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