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Lottery Registration for BPS101's Tuition-Free Preschool Opens Nov. 1, 2016

October 20, 2016 (Batavia, IL) - Families with children who will be turning three and four years old by Sept. 1, 2017, and who currently reside in the boundaries of Batavia Public School District 101 are eligible to participate in a lottery system for tuition-free community spots at the BPS101 Preschool for the 2017-18 school year.

To register for the 2017-18 lottery, parents need to complete the Letter of Intent posted at BPS101.net and return it to the BPS101 Preschool at the Early Childhood Center (located in Alice Gustafson Elementary School) by 3 p.m., Jan. 31, 2017.

"We're now heading into our second year of a tuition-free program," said Dr. Brad Newkirk, BPS101's Chief Academic Officer. "Lifting the financial barrier opens the door to preschool to a broader range of students, which represents the economic diversity of our District."

The BPS101 Preschool offers a language-rich, purposefully designed learning environment that's based in exploration and discovery. The academic and social-emotional curriculum is aligned with the District's K-5 curriculum and Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards. BPS101 Preschool teachers hold both general education and special education teaching certificates and have earned the English as a Second Language (ESL) Endorsement.

Students must be potty-trained by the first day of class.

To learn more about the program and the lottery, Parents are encouraged to attend the BPS101 Preschool Open House on Wed., Jan. 18, 2017, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Early Childhood Center located within Alice Gustafson Elementary School at 905 Carlisle Rd., Batavia.

Parents can also visit BPS101.net to get more information about the program and register for the lottery.

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