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BPS101 Preschool Moves to Tuition-Free Model for 2016-17 School Year Lottery Registration Open Until March 1, 2016

February 3, 2016 (Batavia, IL) - Families with children who will be turning three and four years old by Sept. 1, 2016, and who currently reside in the boundaries of Batavia Public School District 101 are eligible to participate in a lottery system for open spots at the BPS101 Preschool at the Early Childhood Center in the 2016-17 school year. The new lottery-based system replaces the fee-based system, thus eliminating the monthly fee for community students. Families will, however, be responsible for the District's standard registration fee.

To register for the 2016-17 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., March 1, 2016.

"We have had to deny entrance into our preschool program because of the financial barrier," said Dr. Brad Newkirk, BPS101's Chief Academic Officer. "This effectively denies them a preschool experience. We are excited to be able to lift this barrier."

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.

At the BPS101 Preschool, three-year-old students attend on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Four-year-old students attend afternoon classes from 12:40 p.m. to 3:10 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Students must be potty-trained by the first day of class.

Parents are encouraged to attend the Wed., Feb. 17, 2016, BPS101 Preschool Open House, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Early Childhood Center in Alice Gustafson Elementary School to learn more about the program and the lottery.

For more information about the program and to register for the lottery, visit BPS101.net.