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FROM: Lola Vallaire-Thomas, Early Childhood Supervisor

DATE: January 2024

SUBJECT: 2024 – 2025 Coordinated Funding Request

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) requires that the Vermilion Parish Early Childhood Community Network provide the opportunity for public comment regarding the number of requested seats for the 2024-2025 school year. According to Section 709 of Bulletin 140, each Lead Agency must submit a Coordinated Funding Request on behalf of their Community Network to the LDOE.

The purpose of the Coordinated Funding Request is to request pre-kindergarten seats for LA4, NSECD, and the Child Care Assistance (CCAP) Birth to Three Grant Program for 2024-2025. These programs only serve at-risk children and have income eligibility requirements for the participating families. Each program partner reviewed October 1st Child Count Data, waiting list numbers and Child Care Assistance enrollment counts for Birth to Three seats to evaluate their capacity levels which determines the number of seats we are requesting. See the attached document.

The Vermilion Early Childhood Community Network requests that the following be posted to the Vermilion Parish web page to inform the public and provide the opportunity for public comment:

The Vermilion Parish Early Childhood Ready Start Network requests from the Louisiana Department of Education provide 290 seats for the LA4 school based program.

In addition, we are requesting that the Louisiana Department of Education provide 190 seats under the CCAP B3 Grant for local Type III childcare center programs.

We do not currently have any NSECD classrooms so we are not requesting any seats for this program for the 2024-2025 school year.

Comments or questions regarding this request can be submitted by Wednesday, January 31, 2024 no later than 12:00 P.M. to Lola Vallaire-Thomas by email early.learning@vpsb.net or in person at the Vermilion Parish School Board offices, or by mail:

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Funding Type	Ages Served	Number of Children Currently Enrolled 2023-2024	Number of Children on Waiting Lists from 2023-2024	Number of Additional Seats Requested for 2023-2024	2023-2024 Total Number of Seats Being Requested	Requested By
LA4	4 year olds	293	9	0	290	Vermilion Parish Public Schools Pre-Kindergarten
Child Care Assistance Birth to 3 Grant Program	Birth to 3 year olds	193	10	18	190	Local Type III Childcare Centers