



Cleveland School District

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
UPDATE OF CLEVELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT'S 3K AND 4K PROGRAMS
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To all interested parents and guardians of 3-year-old and 4-year-old children within the Cleveland School District:

We appreciate the interest the public has shown in making sure our public schools prosper. We want to update you on our 3K and 4K programs.

3K

We currently have one 3K class at Hayes Cooper Center that is tuition-based. The enrollment in this class is ten children. The issue is that the tuition we receive does not cover all the costs of the program. The Cleveland School District's Board Attorney has written the Attorney General on behalf of the District to see whether we will be able to (1) continue to run the program (is there authority to have a 3k that is tuition-based) and (2) if we can have a 3K, do we have to increase tuition for parents or can we use some other source of funds to make up the cost verses tuition difference.

We hope to know the answer to these questions within 30 days. The District recognizes that the 3K program is a success. Please know, if there is any way to continue this program, we will do so.

4K

We are currently planning to have four 4k classes in the District for the 2021-2022 school year. Two of the classes will be at Bell Academy, and two of the classes will be at Hayes Cooper Center. There are still 4K student slots available. If you are interested in your child being in a 4K class at either school, please contact the school to apply.

While there is some uncertainty about total state-based funding for these classes, the District is committed to providing the funds to have all four of the 4K classes up and running for our children next school year.

Additionally, if we have the interest and funds are available, we may be able to add even more 4K classes.

Thank you for your support to the Cleveland School District, where *learning is essential for all*.

Sincerely,

Dr. Otha Belcher, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools