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To Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers of Incoming Kindergarten Students:

In June 2023, the Connecticut General Assembly raised the minimum age for automatic entry into public school in Connecticut. Effective July 2024, Section 1 of Public Act 23-208 states that children will need to turn five years old on or before September 1 of the school year in order to be automatically eligible to enroll in Kindergarten. To read more about the State of Connecticut decision, [click here](#).

Norwich has assembled an Early Learning Team to develop processes that we will follow to address this change. Please consider the following options for your child's enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year.

1. If your child turns five years old ON or BEFORE Sep 1, 2024, see below and follow a or b scenario:
 - a. If your child is already enrolled in Norwich Public Schools and attends PreK at one of our elementary schools, your child will automatically be enrolled in Kindergarten. Continue to update your child's medical record if necessary.
 - b. If your child is not attending a Norwich Public Schools PreK program, please register your child for Kindergarten by following the registration procedures found at the following [Norwich Public Schools Pre K-8 Registration](#)
2. If your child is currently four years old and turns five years old AFTER September 1, 2024, you may choose one of the following options:
 - a. Register for entry into our Pre K Early Learning programs. Follow this link for more information and to register.
 - b. Continue to keep your child at home or at another early learning or daycare center.
 - c. Complete the waiver form by **March 15, 2024** if you would like your child to be considered for early Kindergarten enrollment.
 - i. [Early Kindergarten Consultation Request](#)

Parents that complete the waiver form will be contacted by the Early Learning Team for further assessment.

If you have any questions, please contact Tracey Swinson, administrative assistant, at The Early Learning Center at 860-823-4206 ext. 2613.

All Good Things,

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