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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we continue planning for the 2026–2027 school year, the Wallkill Central School District would like to provide families with an important update regarding our Universal Pre-kindergarten (UPK) program. As previously shared, Most Precious Blood School (MPB) is scheduled to close at the end of the 2025–2026 school year. MPB is currently working with an outside organization to lease its building so that UPK programming may continue at that location.

As a result, MPB is not yet available, as it requires:

- Contract and lease with an outside provider
- Appropriate licensing through New York State (NYSED and/or OCFS)

Because this process will take time, Most Precious Blood cannot be included as a guaranteed UPK option at this point in the process.

UPK Program for 2026–2027 (Current Plan)

For the upcoming school year, the District will offer the following programming, which includes 65 guaranteed UPK seats across district and community-based sites:

- Ostrander Elementary School – 1 section (18 seats)
- Plattekill Elementary School – 1 section (18 seats)
- Leptondale Elementary School – 1 section (18 seats)
- Building Blocks – 1 section (11 seats)

The current plan incorporates the addition of district personnel to facilitate an internal Universal Pre-Kindergarten classroom at Leptondale Elementary School. Additionally, it provides for an increase of three (3) seats at the Community Partner Building Blocks site. These enhancements are reflected and supported within the proposed budget for the upcoming school year. As a reminder, UPK programming is contingent on voter approval of the 2026-2027 budget.

Please Note: While MPB is not available at the start of the program planning process, the District wants families to know the following:

If the Most Precious Blood UPK option becomes available, all students who are not selected within the first 65 seats of the UPK lottery will be offered placement at Most Precious Blood.

If this occurs, the District could potentially provide UPK access to all families who apply, pending final approvals. Additional information will be shared with families immediately should this option become available.

Parent/Guardian Action Required: Update Your Preference Form

In order to accurately reflect the current UPK configuration, families who have already submitted a UPK application are asked to resubmit their site preferences using an updated Microsoft Forms link below. The link has also been posted on the Wallkill Central School District website, under Educational Services: Universal Pre-Kindergarten.

- *Most Precious Blood has been removed as a selectable option*
- *Leptondale Elementary School has been added*

Please note:

Resubmitting your preference form does not impact your child's lottery eligibility or number. It simply ensures we have current, accurate placement preferences.

 [Click Here to Update Your UPK Site Location Preference Form \(Updated 4-17-2026\)](#)

UPK Timeline – What to Expect Next

- *April 21–22, 2026 – Applications reviewed and lottery numbers assigned*
- *April 27, 2026 – Deadline to submit updated preference sheet (removing MPB and adding Leptondale as an option)*
- *April 30, 2026 (4:00 p.m.) – UPK lottery held and livestreamed*
- *May 6, 2026 – Lottery results mailed to families*
- *May 19, 2026 – District budget vote*
- *June 5, 2026 – Deadline for registration packets for students selected in the lottery*
- *June 15, 2026, and June 16, 2026 – UPK Screening for all selected students*
- *Summer 2026 – Continued work on additional UPK partnerships, including MPB (Please note: As soon as an update becomes available, families who applied will be contacted.)*

The Wallkill Central School District remains committed to:

- *Expanding access to high-quality UPK*
- *Communicating transparently with families*
- *Pursuing additional UPK seats whenever feasible and compliant with state requirements*

We appreciate your patience and partnership as we work through this transition.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me directly at (845) 895-7103.

Sincerely,

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