**NEW MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Office for Student Affairs**

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Dear Parent,

Thank you for your interest in the **EXCEL (Experiential Center for Early Learning) Inclusive Preschool**. Please complete the application and return it to the address above.

We pride ourselves in providing children with a high-quality, developmentally appropriate preschool program run by professional educators. The EXCEL program is an inclusive preschool. This means that the program provides services for children with special needs and their typical peers together within one setting. While your child would be receiving the benefit of a high-quality preschool program he/she is also serving as a role model for the special needs children. Therefore, it is important that the children who participate in the program demonstrate age appropriate skills. In particular, your child should possess strong language skills and social skills to encourage interaction among all the children.

**The lottery system is a two-step process**. You will be contacted for your child to attend a play-based classroom visitation in March. **The anticipated date is March 18, 2020**. You will receive further information regarding the visitation in early March. The lottery will be held in the beginning of April.

If you should have any questions regarding the EXCEL program and/or the visitation and lottery process, please feel free to contact the Office for Student Affairs at 860-354-2654.

Sincerely,

*The EXCEL Team*

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**EXCEL Inclusive Preschool Information Sheet**

**The EXCEL programs are located in our elementary schools:**

* **Hill and Plain School**
* **Northville School**

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|  | **3 Year Old Session** | **4 Year Old Session** |
| **Days** | Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri AM | Monday – Friday PM |
| **Time** | 8:50 am – 11:35 am | 12:30 pm – 3:15 pm |
| **Transportation** | Provided by parent | Provided by parent |
| **Tuition** | Anticipated cost $180/month | Anticipated cost $200/month |
| **Staffing** | Special Education TeacherCertified TutorParaprofessional support | Special Education TeacherCertified TutorParaprofessional support |
| **Classroom****Visitation** | Will receive letter with more information: Anticipated date **3/18/2020** | Will receive letter with more information: Anticipated date **3/18/2020** |
| **Lottery** | Will receive letter with more information & anticipated date | Will receive letter with more information & anticipated date |