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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019

Parents of children who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2018, are asked to register their children for 2018-2019 kindergarten during the period of **February 9-March 16**. Florida law provides that any child who will be 5 on or before September 1st is eligible for kindergarten that school year. It is extremely important that new kindergarten students be registered during the February 9th- March 16th window for the fall (August) school opening. Classes will be formed, teachers assigned, and materials ordered on the basis of student enrollment.

Registration for kindergarten may be completed at any time during the regular school day at the school zoned for the child's neighborhood. To complete the registration process, parents must present proof of the child's age (birth certificate), a Florida certificate of immunization, a social security card, a school physical dated no later than twelve months prior to the first day of school, and proof of residency. Further information may be obtained by calling the schools or Curriculum and Instruction at 850-833-4208.

Parents choosing to apply for Controlled Open Enrollment must do so **no later than** February 15 by visiting www.okaloosaschools.com and clicking on the Controlled Open Enrollment link. Controlled Open Enrollment allows a parent from any district in Florida to enroll and transport his or her student to any public school that has not reached capacity.

SUMMER VPK REGISTRATION FOR 2018

Parents who wish to register their children for the Summer VPK Program are also requested to enroll their child at this time. Florida law provides that any child who turned 5 on or before September 1, 2018 **and** is eligible to attend kindergarten in the 2018-2019 school year **and** did not attend VPK during the current 2017-2018 school year is eligible to attend Summer VPK. For Summer VPK enrollment, parents must provide proof of Florida residency in addition to the registration items listed above. To register for Summer VPK, a certificate of eligibility must be obtained from the Early Learning Coalition at 107 Tupelo Avenue, FWB: Phone number 850-833-9330, or the Early Learning Coalition at 10 S. 4th Street, DeFuniak Springs: Phone number 850-892-8560.

The Summer VPK site will be Wright Elementary (South area), enrollment permitting. Parents must provide transportation for Summer VPK students. Further information for Summer VPK enrollment may be obtained by calling the Early Learning Coalition Program, at 850-833-3627 or Ms. Debbie Haan at 850-689-7211.