Greetings!

We are excited to announce that the Pre-K application for the 23-24 school year is now open! Please make sure that you are ready to apply by following these steps below:

Step 1: Create a portal account with Austin ISD

Why? The portal account provides access to online registration and the Pre-K Application. Once the account is created it will take 24 hours to become active. Once it becomes active, the pre-k application can be completed.

Step 2: Complete online registration for your student.

Why? Online registration generates a Student I.D. number, notifies your student's school that they may be enrolling, and gives you access to the Pre-K application. Should you have difficulty with registration, please contact the Family Help Desk at 512-414-9187, select option 2.

Step 3: Find Your School using School Finder.

Why? You will need to know what school your student will be attending. You can either choose to have your student attend their neighborhood school or transfer to another school. Please keep in mind that a transfer depends on space availability at the desired school. For information about our Pre-K 3 programming options please click this <u>link</u>. For information about our Pre-K 4 programming options click <u>here</u>.

*Please know that your zip code determines your zoned campus. If you are interested in a campus outside of your zoned area, this will require the completion of a transfer application.

Step 4: Gather documentation that verifies your student's eligibility for Pre-K

Why? Pre-K is an eligibility based program and documentation that verifies eligibility must be provided. There are seven ways to qualify for eligibility based Pre-K. Please click this <u>link</u> to find out more. As you complete the application, you will be prompted to upload these documents. If you believe that you will not qualify for eligibility based Pre-K, we do offer a tuition-based program. Completion of the Pre-K Application is required for both Eligibility-based Pre-K and Tuition-based Pre-K.

Step 5: Select the Pre-K Application tile located within the portal and apply

Why? The Pre-K application can only be accessed through your portal account and must be completed in order for your student to be admitted into our program. This means all necessary documentation must be provided and processed before receiving an acceptance letter. If you are planning to transfer, you must complete the entire Pre-K application process first, then the transfer application can be processed. You will receive

notification of the status of your transfer application directly from the Office of Student Services.

Should you have specific questions after you apply, please reach out to your student's school directly as schools will be processing applications for the 23-24 school year. Tuition based applications will still be processed centrally by our Early Learning department in collaboration with your student's school. Should you have general questions, please send them to Early Learning via <u>Let's Talk</u>. We look forward to welcoming your family to Austin ISD Pre-K!