

Dear Unity Pre-School Parents,

It has been a pleasure serving your child this year in our Pre-School Program at Unity East Elementary School. Unfortunately, the current condition of the state budget is forcing us to make changes in the program for next year since it is expected the Pre-School Grant from the Illinois State Board of Education will be discontinued.

Beginning in the fall of 2010, the Unity Pre-K program will only serve students 3 years to 5 years with special education needs, who are eligible for special education services and have a current Individualized Education Plan. All parents of pre-school students with Individual Education Plans will be contacted over the next couple of weeks to discuss placement in the class. Over the summer, parents will be contacted regarding placement of their child with special needs in either the morning or afternoon session. If you would prefer your child not attend either session, we will offer one on one special education services per your child's plan at Unity East Elementary.

We encourage parents of students without an individualized education plan to investigate options for community pre-school at our Child Development Open House on May 11 at Unity East from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. At May 11, 2010 Open House we have invited several Champaign County Organization to attend and share information about child development with Unit 7 parents.

If you have addition question regarding this change in programming, please feel free to contact me either by e-mail or at the Administrative Center.

Sincerely,

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