

**Pittsgrove Township School District Awarded \$1.9 Million
in Preschool Education Expansion Aid**

On the morning of September 20, 2018, the Pittsgrove Township Preschool Program held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate receiving approximately \$1.9M in Preschool Education Expansion Aid (PEEA) funding from the State of New Jersey for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Preschool Program at Pittsgrove Township Schools, for three- and four-year old students who reside in Pittsgrove Township and Elmer Borough, began in the 2017-18 school year, when Pittsgrove, under Business Administrator, Darren Harris, applied for and received approximately \$1.5M in PEEA monies. At that time, Pittsgrove designated Norma Elementary School as its location for its preschool program and partnered with Building Blocks Learning Center, in Pittsgrove, to provide an additional class.

This year, Pittsgrove Township Schools submitted an application for additional PEEA funding for the 2018-19 school year and received notification of an award totaling \$396,452 in additional monies. These additional funds have allowed us to partner with another private provider in our community, Firm Foundations, located in the Borough of Elmer, and have afforded us the opportunity to add two additional preschool classes for the 2018-19 school year.

“The Pittsgrove Township School District is pleased to offer this Preschool Program to its residents. Providing early interventions through this program allows our students to receive the necessary services and supports to be successful in their educational journey in the Pittsgrove Township School System,” said Superintendent, Dr. Hoopes.

The Pittsgrove Township Board of Education would like to take this opportunity to thank Superintendent, Dr. Scott Hoopes, Mr. Darren Harris, Business Administrator, Mr. Daniel Bruce, Norma Principal, Ms. Loretta Elwell, Norma Assistant Principal, and many others for their countless hours and dedication to this wonderful endeavor.