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Nancy C. Ruscio  
Homer CSD  
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RE: NYS Education Department RFP – Additional Grants for the Expanded Pre-Kindergarten for Three- and Four-Year Old Students in High Needs Districts Grant (EPK2)  
Annualized Award: \$ 134,322

Dear Ms. Nancy C. Ruscio:

On behalf of the New York State Education Department (NYSED), I want to thank you for your participation in our recent Additional Grants for the Expanded Prekindergarten for Three- and Four-Year Old Students in High Needs School Districts Grant competition. I am pleased to inform you that your proposal for services has met the standard for funding.

Your school district tentatively has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$134,322 for the 2017-2018 school year for subsequent years with 180 days of programming each school year.

There are several steps remaining to complete the final approval process. These steps are as follows:

- The New York State Education Department (NYSED) is required to obtain the approval of the procurement record for this Request For Proposal (RFP) from the New York State Office of the State Comptroller; and
- Your proposed participation level for meeting Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) requirements, as outlined in the RFP, requires review and approval as well. If you are contacted by NYSED with any questions about your district's M/WBE plan or documentation, please be sure to respond promptly in order to avoid or minimize delays in finalizing your grant.

You will receive a final approval notice from NYSED's Grants Finance Unit once these requirements have been met. Obligations incurred prior to this notification of award are at the awardees own risk.

All grants, regardless of type or dollar amount, are subject to further review, monitoring, and audit to ensure compliance. NYSED has the right to recoup funds if the approved activities are not performed and/or the funds are expended inappropriately. The grant resulting from this award will require that grantees accept electronic payments for amounts due on the grant. Additional information and authorization forms are available at the New York State Office of the Comptroller's website at [www.osc.state.ny.us/epay/index.htm](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/epay/index.htm)

Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Early Learning at (518) 474-5807 or by email at [OEL@nysed.gov](mailto:OEL@nysed.gov). We look forward to working with you on this exciting project. Congratulations on your award and thank you for your commitment to providing high-quality educational opportunities for New York State's youngest learners.

Sincerely,



Renee L. Rider

cc: Betsy Kenney