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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Congratulations and welcome! Let me be the first to welcome you and your child to the Texas School Ready project! Over the last ten years, TSR has helped thousands of children across Texas be more prepared for success in kindergarten and beyond. This school year, your child's school has been selected to participate in this innovative early education program through our remote or face to face model.

Every year, children enter kindergarten without the skills and abilities needed to be successful in school. High quality early education programs can have a profound impact on children's school readiness and their ability to learn, grow, and benefit from school. TSR is an example of a high quality early education program that has been proven to help children be more prepared for school. We are happy to welcome your family and your child's school into TSR this year.

Texas School Ready is an innovative, research-proven early education approach that combines a research-based, state-adopted curriculum with professional development and coaching for preschool teachers. Throughout the year, your child's teacher will be provided tools to help them learn more about your child's specific instructional needs and how to support him or her using engaging lessons and activities. Through TSR, teachers improve their skills by getting feedback from our dedicated TSR coaches using video recordings of lessons and activities and receiving remote or face to face coaching. The new skills and techniques for your child's teacher will positively affect your child's classroom experience this year.

As a parent, you are your child's first teacher! Being a part of TSR is a wonderful opportunity to increase your child's school readiness, but your commitment to your child's education is equally important. Your child's teacher will be participating in TSR this year through our face to face or remote model, meaning that he or she will be utilizing video recordings of their classroom instruction to receive feedback from a specially-trained TSR coach. You will be receiving a video consent form that allows your child to be included in the classroom videos. Providing your consent to allow your child to be in these classroom videos helps your child's teacher improve their instructional practices and provide a better learning environment for your child. We take data privacy very seriously, including these classroom videos. All TSR classroom videos will be stored and secured by TSR staff. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher.

On behalf of the TSR staff at the Children's Learning Institute and in your local community, we look forward to working with your child's school and your family to help your child get ready for kindergarten!

Sincerely,

April Crawford
Director, Texas School Ready Project