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## **Azusa Unified Opens Enrollment for Free Preschool Program**

**Azusa, CA** - Azusa Unified School District invites parents to enroll their children in its free California State Preschool Program, which starts Thursday, Aug. 18 at Longfellow Elementary.

There are 96 spaces available for students who are at least 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2016. Families must choose to register their child for one of two morning sessions held from 8 to 11 a.m. or one of two afternoon sessions from 11:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"The District sees greater achievement from students who enter Kindergarten with language skills," AUSD Superintendent Dr. Linda Kaminski said. "Preschoolers who get this jumpstart will also come into elementary school with more confidence and social skills."

Parents do not have to be Azusa residents to enroll his or her child but the District's priority is to serve families within its boundaries.

To enroll, parents are asked to produce verification of income to show they meet family income requirements set by the State, documentation of their parental rights or guardianship, a utility bill or bank statement to verify residency, the child's birth certificate, an immunization record and a copy of the child's current physical exam.

Students will experience being in a class of 24 students with three teachers who provide a nurturing atmosphere and an age-appropriate curriculum. The preschool program welcomes parent volunteers.

Those interested in additional information can call 626-815-4700 or 626-815-4709.

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