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The Mercer County Preschool Program is requesting to open a 5th preschool classroom to service additional qualifying students and students needing intervention services after the December 18th preschool screening. The current enrollment in preschool is 137 students. The current capacity with the four existing classrooms is 144 students. There are 7 remaining spots for new students across the program. This does not factor in significant student needs that require smaller student to staff ratios.

These are the following projections for enrollment after January 1, 2020:

- There are at least 7 students in First Steps that will be turning three after January 1, 2020 and will potentially need services during this school year.
- 20 families have contacted the program to sign up for the December screening.
- The previous December 2018 screening resulted in 21 students requiring intervention services.
- The previous March 2019 screening resulted in 19 students requiring intervention services.

Given the projected future enrollees, the preschool program cannot support these numbers without the addition of a fifth classroom.

Thank you for consideration of this need.

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