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Dear Garden City Parents of Universal Pre-Kindergarten Applicants,

As you are aware, the district held its lottery yesterday for all applicants to our Universal Pre-K program. I'd like to apologize for the process, as I recognize it did not run as smoothly as it should have. Frankly, we should have done better. I appreciate the emails and phone calls I have received since yesterday – I have taken your feedback and have shared it with my team so that we can learn from this in the future.

I also want to address several inquiries as to why only 40 spots are available for the UPK program. While our district received funding to provide UPK to more children, we only have space at this time to accommodate 40 students within our buildings. It was our hope that we could accommodate additional children by contracting with community-based pre-kindergarten programs; however, we did not receive any responses from these organizations during our bidding process. We are hopeful that in future years we can expand this program to more families within the community.

I want to assure you that we are well-prepared for the launch of our UPK program and are extremely thankful for this opportunity to offer a program using federally granted funds. We are excited to welcome the district's youngest Trojans in early September and look forward to a great year ahead!

Sincerely,

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