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Dear Bedford Community

Districts have been asked by the Commissioner's Office to share information about a free program for four-year olds. Below I have copied and pasted from the email I received. Feel free to share this information.

Sincerely,
Tom Laliberte

The UPSTART program is for children who will be 4 and attending Kindergarten Fall of 2021 with a birthdate between August 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016. There are no income or geographic restrictions. Children that are (or will be) attending preschool/Head Start are also eligible! UPSTART does not replace preschool nor is it an online 'school'. It is a program that is used 15 minutes a day 5 days a week.

*UPSTART is **FREE for New Hampshire families and school districts**. Please view this short video featuring UPSTART Parents and Commissioner Edelblut. It will give you a great perspective and understanding of the program. [Commissioner of Education Brings Waterford UPSTART to New Hampshire 4-year-olds](#)*

UPSTART is being brought to New Hampshire through philanthropic & PDG grants. Children who have gone through UPSTART come to Kindergarten on average of Kindergarten Advanced or Beginning First Grade levels. UPSTART will begin early September and run through May 2021.

WHAT FAMILIES RECEIVE:

- 1. Research-based, award-winning reading, math, and science instruction delivered to each child for 15-20 minutes per day.*
- 2. Weekly support from a family education liaison (FEL) who encourages parents, helps parents understand how to support a school-age child, and provides usage tracking (Note: Personalized support is available in 20+ languages.)*
- 3. A free Dell laptop, connectivity hardware, software, and Internet connection (if needed). All families that meet the minimum requirements get to keep their computers at the end of the program.*
- 4. Software licenses for all children in the home, including those who are not participating in the program, but may require additional reading, math, and science support.*
- 5. Pre- and post-assessment and efficacy research*

HOW TO SIGN UP: Families can register online at [Waterford UPSTART Registration](#) or call 1-888-982-9898 Please see attached flyer (flyers in other languages available)