Form EE 1 TK **PROPOSED**

***Early Entrance to Transitional Kindergarten Overview***

According to California state law, children who turn 5 between September 2nd and December 2nd are age-eligible and therefore are entitled to enter transitional kindergarten. Per state guidance and San Leandro Board Policy, a child whose birth date falls between December 3rd and February 28th may be considered and admitted for early entrance by the Superintendent's designee when it is in the best interest of the child. No consideration will be given for children with birthdays beyond February 28th. There will be no appeal process for children with birthdates beyond the February 28th window.

Children who are not age eligible must demonstrate above average performance in academics as well as social-emotional development to qualify for early admission to kindergarten. It is not necessary for children to study or prepare for the early childhood developmental assessments. Assessments include a variety of activities that measure each child's performance in the following developmental domains: Physical well-being and motor development, Personal and social development, Reading and language arts development, and Mathematical thinking

***Procedure for Early Entrance to Transitional Kindergarten***

1. Parent(s) or guardian(s) of a potential early entry pupil may submit an application for entry to the Superintendent's designee. See attached Form EE 2 TK

2. Parent(s) or guardian(s) will be required to provide evidence that the child has attained a level of readiness mentally, socially, and developmentally which will allow him/her to successfully complete the full transitional kindergarten program during that school year, including the mastery of minimum competencies in math, language arts, and reading.

3. The parent will be advised of the advantages and disadvantages of early school entrance. See attached Form EE 3

4. After receipt of the evidence provided by the parent(s), the Superintendent's designee shall review and approve or disapprove the petition for early entrance and notify the parents or guardian of his/her recommendations.

5. Every effort will be made to place students at the school in their attendance area, or school of preference as indicated by an intra-district transfer request. Transitional kindergarten students meeting the September 2nd -December 2nd admission date will receive first priority for placement. Placement of students approved for early admission to transitional kindergarten will be made where space is available after all students meeting the September 2nd –December 2nd admission date have been placed and placement will be made no later than 14 days prior to the first day of school. Parents will be notified of the placement no later than 14 days prior to the first day of school.