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Beginning in the 2018-19 school year, MNPS will provide Prekindergarten Tuition Assistance. Tuition assistance will offer a reduced tuition rate to qualifying families accepting a Pre-K fee based seat. Families currently experiencing hardship, family emergency or trauma meeting the criteria below will qualify to submit a Pre-K Tuition Assistance Application along with documentation to their child's accepting school site. Applications along with documentation will be reviewed by the Pre-Kindergarten leadership for consideration.

The following criteria will be considered:

- **Hardship/Family Emergency** – Family is experiencing unusual circumstances impacting current income of the parent or legal guardian including, but not limited to:
  - Care of additional family members (e.g. elderly parents, children, disabled family member)
  - Loss of job; negative change in income or expenses
  - Short term or long term disability
  - Unexpected medical or health related emergency
  - Currently experiencing demonstrable financial hardship or bankruptcy
  - One or more additional children in tuition based child care facilities
- **Trauma** – Family is experiencing a major traumatic event impacting current income or expenses of the parent or legal guardian including, but not limited to:
  - Loss of one or more parent, guardian or significant family member causing a change in household earning power or expenses
  - Unexpected illness impacting employment, earning power or expenses
  - Divorce or separation impacting household income after selection to Pre-K program
  - Loss or damage to home due to fire or natural disaster
- **Change in Income Status** – A change in income occurring within the time application was submitted and the current school year.

Proof of documentation may include but not limited to pay stubs, W-2's, tax returns, court or legal documentation, doctor's note, employer's documentation or published records.