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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **VERNON RECEIVES \$174,500 SCHOOL READINESS GRANT**

**(Vernon)** Mayor George F. Apel announced today that the Vernon Youth Services Bureau was awarded a state School Readiness grant in the amount of \$174,500. *“These awarded funds will support 13 (full-day) and 15 (part-day) pre-school spaces for 3 and 4 year olds at the Hockanum Valley Child Day Care Center and the Vernon Public Schools pre-school program at Northeast School.”* said Mayor Apel. The programs will receive \$107,000 and \$67,500 respectively.

*“Birth to age six is a significant developmental time for children”,* said Mayor Apel. *“I am pleased that these funds will provide space and enhanced educational opportunities for 28 of Vernon’s earliest learners.”* Mayor Apel continued. *“These two preschool programs also meet the rigorous accreditation standards of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), and I am appreciative of the efforts of Youth Services Director, Alan Slobodien in securing these funds”.* Vernon hosts a total of eight NAEYC accredited programs.

For more information about School Readiness programs in Vernon, contact Ann Scharin, School Readiness Program Manager, at 860-870-6000 or [ascharin@vernon-ct.gov](mailto:ascharin@vernon-ct.gov).

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