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Special needs preschool program available to local children

(Hilliard City Schools, Hilliard, Ohio) – The Hilliard City Schools Preschool is a program designed for children ages 3 to 5 with special needs who manifest a moderate to severe delay in one or more developmental areas. The program goal is to provide children with educational opportunities that promote educational success and daily independence.

Each 3- to 5-year-old suspected of delayed development must be evaluated by a team of individuals to determine eligibility. The State of Ohio Department of Special Education establishes eligibility criteria. The assessment includes measures of the child's skill and abilities in the following areas:

- Cognitive
- Communication
- Social-emotional
- Motor (fine and gross)
- Pre-academic
- Hearing
- Vision

Parents suspecting their child has a developmental delay in any of the above areas should contact Director Sharon Balduf.

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***Hilliard City Schools Prechool, 2874 Alton-Darby Creek Road, serves about 213 students.
Sharon Balduf is the director.***