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Dear Parents,

Each year, the Admissions Office at LREI offers an optional Early Notification Program for applicants to our Fours, Kindergarten and First Grade programs who are siblings of current LREI students and children or grandchildren of alumni. The plan is intended to expedite the admissions process for those who are already a part of our school community. It also benefits the School by clarifying the number of places available for the general applicant pool. Please note that applicants for our Fours and Kindergarten programs must be four years old and five years old respectively by September 1st of the year that they begin school.

LREI is a community of families, but also a school that carefully considers the best placement for each child. As such, we recognize that we may not be the appropriate school setting for every child within a family. We strongly encourage all families to apply to several schools to ensure that their son or daughter will have other school choices should LREI not be an optimal fit.

Should you choose to participate in the Early Notification Program, please submit an Early Notification form no later than Monday, December 1, 2008. This form is available on our web site (www.lrei.org) or by contacting the Admissions Office at 212-477-5316 ext. 210. Due to the limited number of interview appointments available, we encourage families to schedule and complete the interview visits as early as possible. The decision to participate in the Early Notification Program is binding upon submission of the Early Notification Form. To clarify, families selecting Early Notification may not later request Regular Notification. Decision letters will be mailed by Friday, January 9, 2009. If your child is accepted to LREI, and you choose to enroll, you must notify us of your decision by Friday, January 30, 2009 for the Fours, and Friday, January 16, 2009 for Kindergarten and First Grade. Upon enrollment, we strongly suggest that you notify all other schools to which you have applied, so that they too can have a more realistic sense of their applicant pool.

Families who choose not to participate in the Early Notification Program are welcome to follow the traditional admissions cycle, and should select Regular Notification on the Early Notification Form. Decision notifications will be sent in late February 2009. If you have any questions, please call us – we are always happy to speak with you.

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