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Dear Parents and Guardians of:

The Piscataway Township School District is continuing our community arts partnership with American Repertory Ballet for the 2017-2018 school year. The District offers students an opportunity to participate in Dance Power, one of our LEAP (Local Enriched Academic/Arts Program) offerings. Dance Power is a dance program offered to students in grades 2 and 3 through LEAP and in partnership with the American Repertory Ballet. Participating students will work with a dance teaching artist one time per week during school hours for approximately one hour.

Using the Dance Power curriculum guided by the state standards for dance, American Repertory Ballet will focus on the development of the fundamentals of dance and movement by engaging students through creative performance opportunities. By working closely with the dance teaching artist, students will co-create a performance piece based on an integrated subject area of learning agreed upon by the teaching artist and classroom teacher. As a result, students will gain further experience in critique as they analyze their own work and the work of their peers.

This eight week program is scheduled to begin on January 31, 2018 at Eisenhower, Grandview, Knollwood, and Randolphville Elementary Schools for students in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Interested students and parents should fill out the application on the attached form. We have limited capacity for this program. Applications will be reviewed and you will be notified by mail if your child has been accepted into the program. All forms must be returned to your child's teacher no later than **Friday, January 19, 2018.**

Best regards,

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**LEAP Dance Program (Grades 2-3) Application**

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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Students**, please answer the following questions in complete sentences.  
(Feel free to attach a separate sheet if needed.)

1. Why do you want to participate in the LEAP Dance Power program?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What do you hope to accomplish in the LEAP Dance Power program?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. List any experience you have with dance, movement, or other performance-based/creative activities:

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**Parents, please initial and sign below.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I grant permission for my child to participate in the LEAP Dance program. *(Students should wear clothing/shoes appropriate for physical education class to participate in the LEAP Dance Power.)*

\_\_\_\_\_ I grant permission for my child to be photographed during this program.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

