

Hiseville Elementary will receive continued funding from Toyota's manufacturing operations in Kentucky to operate the Toyota bornlearning® Academy launched in 2012. Hiseville is one of 21 schools – 12 of which are new this year – receiving funding for these early childhood education programs in the state. Toyota announced the new school locations, as well as continued funding for Academies launched in 2012, as part of a commitment to doubling its \$1 million investment in early childhood education in the Commonwealth.

Toyota will provide funding to continue the program at both sets of schools annually. The academies are open to anyone in each community, not just those with children enrolled at the schools.

In addition to Hiseville Elementary, programs launched at other schools in 2012 will continue at Berea Elementary in Berea; Crabbe Elementary in Ashland; May Valley Elementary in Prestonsburg; Grandview Elementary in Bellevue; East Calloway in Murray; H.W. Wilkey Elementary in Leitchfield; Farley Elementary in Paducah and Boston School in Boston.

According to the Kentucky Board of Education, only one in four Kentucky children is prepared for kindergarten. "As a community, we must join together to turn around these statistics and the Toyota bornlearning® Academies help do just that," said Mike Price, vice president of administration, TMMK. "Toyota is committed to education and we are proud to bring this innovative program to even more young children and families across the state."

