



MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Universal Pre-K: A Proven Investment in our Children's Success

The Executive Budget makes significant investments in moving towards a truly universal Pre-Kindergarten system:

- \$561 million, an increase of 52.5 percent, for funding for Universal Pre-Kindergarten Aid
- funding for a roll-in of universal full-day Pre-K for all four-year-olds by the start of SY 2029
- increases the State's contribution for Pre-K seats for four-year-olds to equal the greater of \$10,000 or the district's current selected Foundation Aid per pupil.

NYS PTA strongly supports this proposal and support for school districts.

All children should have complete and equal access to high-quality school-based Universal Pre-K. Studies have shown that Universal Pre-K leads to greater academic and social-emotional success, closing achievement gaps, and reductions in intervention and special education services.

The Executive Budget also proposes a number of investments in child care, child care subsidies, child and dependent care tax credits, and cost savings for parents and families. The proposal also supports the Office of Child Care and Early Education.

NYS PTA supports these investments in families, as they care for their children. By focusing on increased supports for our earliest learners, we support both their families, and our children's lifelong learning and success.

NYS PTA ASK: Support the \$561 millions investment in Universal Pre-K, and the state's increased contribution for Pre-K seats for four-year-olds to equal the greater of \$10,000 or the district's current selected Foundation Aid per pupil.



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