



Week of 03/05/07

Welcome to Pre-K Today!

Pre-K Today is a statewide non-partisan campaign launched by a broad-based coalition from around the Commonwealth committed to efforts to advance dedicated state financing for voluntary high quality pre-kindergarten programs designed to assure that Pennsylvania's children enter school ready to learn and prepared to succeed.

Pre-K Today supports the Governor's \$75 million proposal in the 2007-08 budget to create Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts. If enacted, PA Pre-K Counts will provide approximately 11,000 3- and 4-year-olds with voluntary, high-quality pre-K delivered through a mixed service delivery system in which all providers comply with State Board of Education pre-K regulations and the state's early learning standards.

We Need Your Help

Lawmakers will debate this issue in Harrisburg. They will vote on this initiative in Harrisburg. But we all know that this fight will be won or lost in *your* backyard. If lawmakers – from both parties in the House and Senate – do not hear from their constituents – we lose. You are their constituents and we need your help to win!

Pre-K Today Means Today. And you need to act today!! There are 116 days left until the June 30 deadline for passage of a state budget and the clock is ticking.

How Will We Help You?

You will receive weekly updates on significant developments in Harrisburg and around the Commonwealth on this critical issue with all the tools you need to be effective advocates. And we will be pressing you to act throughout this process.

Check out our new website at: www.prektoday.org

We Have a Plan and it Starts – Today – with You!

Please take three steps to support Pre-K this week:

- 1. Join the Pre-K Today Coalition as an endorsing organization. CLICK HERE to join:*** <http://www.prektoday.org/signup.shtml> All coalition members will be posted on our website to demonstrate the scope of our support to policymakers and the media.
- 2. Sign on to the Coalition's first letter to the legislature urging them to support pre-K. CLICK HERE to sign on:*** http://www.prektoday.org/how_signon_letter.shtml
Please sign the letter by March 14.
- 3. Begin planning to host a local legislative event in your community. CLICK HERE to access our Event Tool Kit:*** http://www.prektoday.org/tools_event.shtml