



Week of 03/26/07

What's New with Pre-K Today?

As we told you last week, more than 400 organizations have joined the Pre-K Today campaign in support of the governor's proposed investment of \$75 million in pre-K. We've now created an opportunity for ***individuals to endorse Pre-K Today***. Whether you're a teacher, parent, business leader or a concerned Pennsylvanian, you can lend your personal voice to the campaign. Please reach out to your family members, friends, neighbors, parents, co-workers and others to sign on to the campaign.

Click here to support the campaign as an individual:
http://www.prektoday.org/signup_individuals.shtml

What's Happening Next?

The House of Representatives is in recess and will not be back in Harrisburg until April 16. The Senate is in session through Wednesday of this week and then on break until April 16.

This is the perfect time to set up a district office visit with your legislator! Please call and set up a time to visit your legislator's local office and talk about pre-K. Legislators want to hear what you think about pre-K.

Remember to use the tools available online for assistance with legislative office visits. There are ***"Good Answers to Tough Questions"*** and ***"Budget Talking Points."*** It's important to keep the focus on pre-K when you're talking to legislators. But if you're a child care worker or a Head Start provider, a legislator might want to talk about other issues. How do you keep the focus on pre-K if asked about other topics? ***"Keeping the Focus on Pre-K During Legislative Office Visits"*** can help. To view this and other documents that can provide assistance for meetings with legislators, Go to **Tools for the Campaign** at www.prektoday.org

In communities all around the Commonwealth pre-K supporters are organizing local events to share the importance of pre-K with local legislators, community leaders and the media. If you are interested in hosting such an event call us for help or check out the "event-in-a-box" toolkit on the Pre-K Today website at http://www.prektoday.org/tools_event.shtml

In the near future, check out the website for updates on local events that may be happening in your region. *Stay tuned!*

What Can You Do this Week to Support Pre-K?

We urge you to take the following action steps (if you have not already done so) this week:

- 1. Call your local senator and representative and set up a district office visit while they are home over the break.**
- 2. Urge individuals to endorse the Pre-K Today campaign CLICK:**
http://www.prektoday.org/signup_individuals.shtml

To win – each of us needs to take action many times. Thanks for what you have already done and keep up the great work! Report what happens in your legislative visits by filling out the short survey at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/Users/10049927/Surveys/953533391280/16FC4E25-90CA-42F8-93F3-E2409296F363.asp?U=953533391280>