



Week of 04/09/07

What's New with Pre-K Today?

This week the House Republican leader held a press conference to release his caucus' priorities for education funding in the budget. **He did not include pre-K in his priorities.** In response to a question from a reporter, Representative Sam Smith said that he is not against to funding early childhood education but the current K-12 system should be improved before doing more.

This shows the need for us to reach out NOW to all of our legislators to make funding pre-K a priority!

This campaign will be won by constituent visits to local legislators, not in Harrisburg – your effort is critical to winning Pre-K Counts!!!

What's Happening Next?

The House and Senate are in recess until April 16th and then will be back in the district on Thursdays and Fridays through April and will recess for primary elections in May.

This is the perfect time to set up a district office visit with your legislator!

Legislators' schedules are really filling up. They will be quite busy for the next several months, so please act now and set up a time to visit your legislator's local office and talk about pre-K.

Remember - If you've have any kind of contact with a legislator or legislative staff person, please record your communication using our online survey tool. Any kind of communication that **elicited a response** can be recorded in the survey tool. For example, if you visited a legislator in his office, or spoke to a legislator on the phone, or even sent a letter or e-mail about pre-K - provided you received a response from the legislator - can be recorded. Please use the link on #2 below to record your contact.

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. 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>