**IMPORTANCE OF HIGH-QUALITY, PUBLICLY FUNDED PRE-K**

**Sen. Hughes (D-7)**

52% of eligible children do not have access

- 4,624 eligible children ages 3-4 live in this district
- 2,389 eligible children DO NOT have access
- 58 pre-k locations eligible* to participate
- 46 high-quality pre-k participating providers
- 119 additional pre-k classrooms needed

*Eligible, high-quality providers include Head Start, Keystone STARS 3 and 4 center and group child care, PDE-licensed nursery schools and school districts. Children served data includes those enrolled in high-quality providers using public funds to support their pre-k education.

For more information regarding high-quality, publicly funded pre-k and providers in this district, please visit papartnerships.org/prekinpa.

The Pre-K for PA issue campaign is working to ensure that all Pennsylvania children can enter school ready to succeed. Our goal is that by 2022, every at-risk child will have access to a high-quality pre-kindergarten program and middle-income families will more easily afford these services for their children.

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**Pennsylvania**

**61%** of eligible children **do not** have access

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**175,200** eligible children ages 3-4 living in Pennsylvania

**106,200** eligible children **DO NOT** have access

**2,872** pre-k locations eligible* to participate

**2,009** high-quality pre-k participating providers

**5,310** additional pre-k classrooms needed

Support a $40 million increase (Pre-K Counts - $30M, Head Start Supplemental Assistance Program - $10M) to provide high-quality, publicly funded pre-k to an estimated 4,400 additional children in FY 2018-19.


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