



Providing leadership to Florida's early learning community



Special Alert

On Monday afternoon, Governor Rick Scott released his budget proposal. From our perspective, the Governor's early learning budget proposal recognizes the value that School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten offer to his economic development and job creation plan. In essence, the Governor recommends retaining the current funding levels for School Readiness and Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten. If the legislature supports the Governor's early learning budget, we will be able to maintain the current enrollment levels in the School Readiness program, maintain the current base student allocation in Voluntary Prekindergarten, and support the projected growth in the constitutionally-mandated Voluntary Prekindergarten Program. Children will learn while their parents work and this makes good economic sense for Florida.

Please be mindful that this is the beginning of a long and tedious legislative budget process. We should remain cautiously optimistic and continue our legislative education efforts. We will update you as soon as we learn more about how this year's budget will be approached by the legislature.

The early care and education industry has a presence in all 67 Florida counties. Your voice is both important and necessary. Make sure it is heard.

Thank you for your support and partnership.



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