

Board of Commissioners Special Work Session

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Today's Agenda

1. State of Pre-K in Wake County – Gayle Headen, Wake County Smart Start
2. Pre-K Research – Jim Hansen, PNC Financial Services and Susan Gates, SAS
3. SAS Dashboard Demo - SAS
4. Legislative Update – Chris Dillon, Wake County

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Smart Start



a partner in the
Smart Start network.

The State of Pre-K *in Wake County*

Wake County Smart Start

Recognized leader in early childhood development since formation in 1996.

Convener, collaborator and funder – working with Wake's key agencies that serve young children.

Along with investments in early education, health, and family support services, works to improve our early childhood system.

Provides expertise, guidance, and infrastructure so that children receive the care and nurturing they need to thrive.





GOOD HEALTH



STRONG FAMILIES



ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY LEARNING

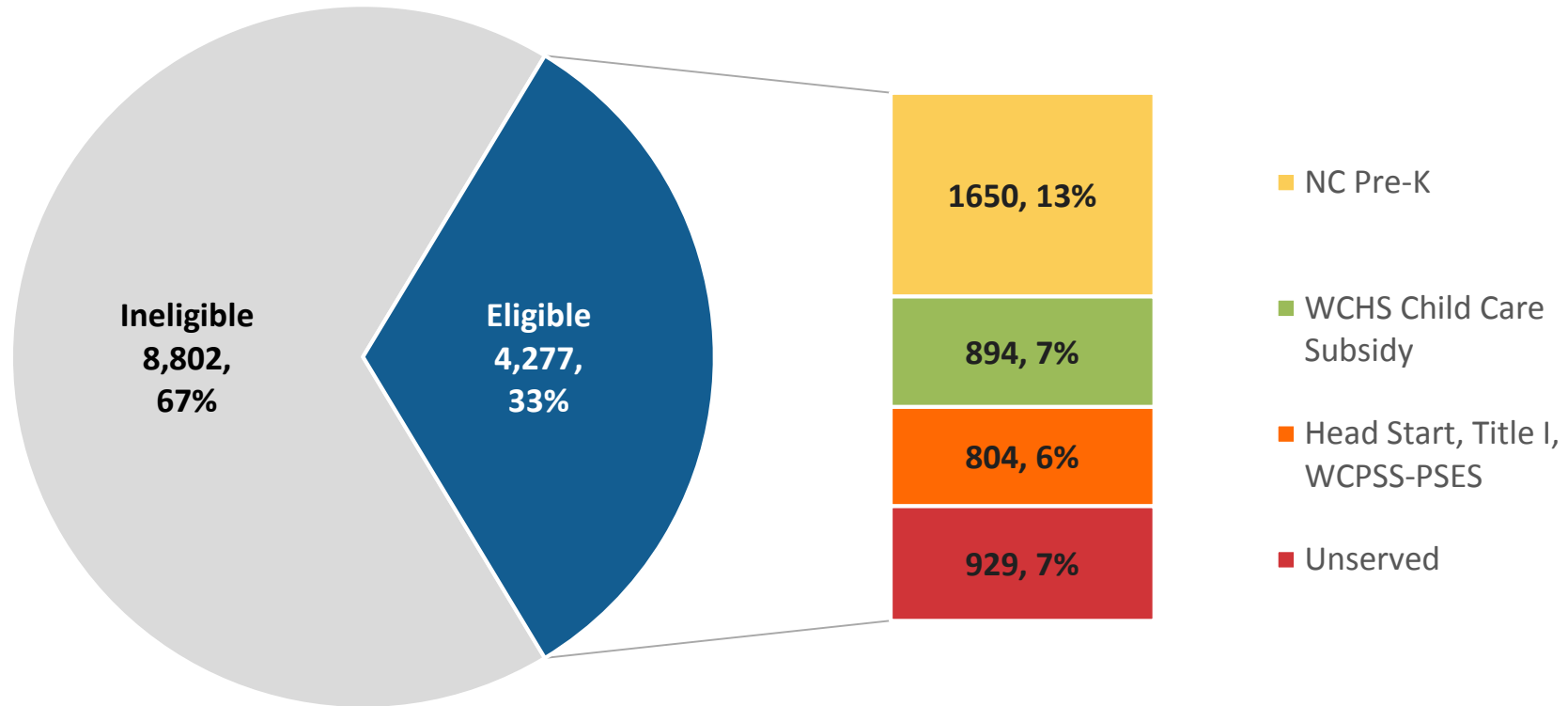
WHAT CHILDREN NEED TO GROW, LEARN, AND SUCCEED

Each Child. Every Community. Ready for School and Life.

Our mission is to build the capacity of families and the community to prepare children for success in school and in life.

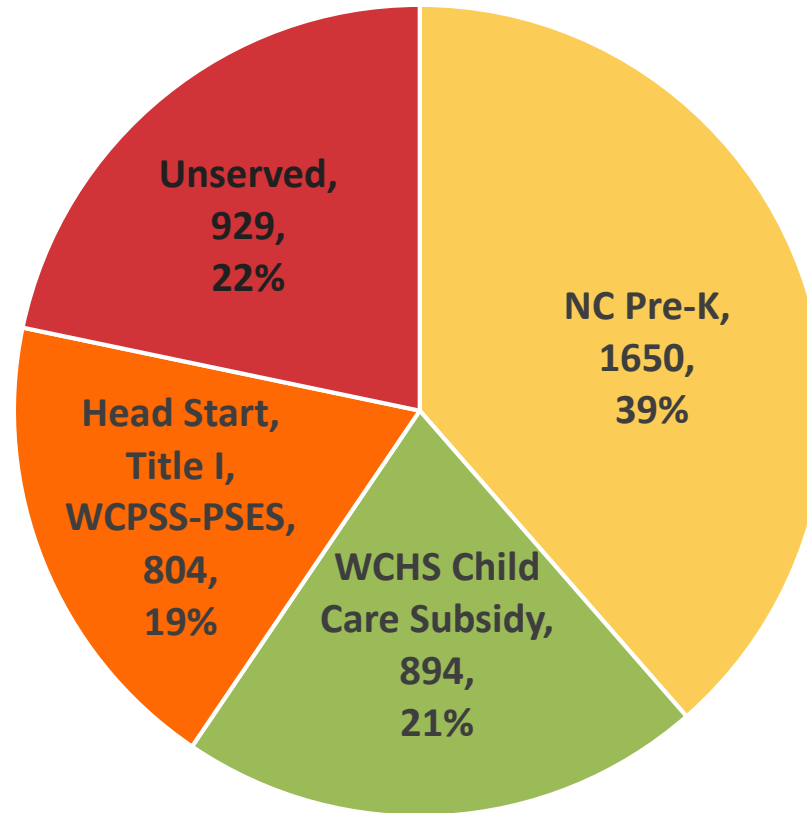
- With a prioritization of resources for children and families with the “greatest need”.

NC Pre-K Need



Number of 4 year olds: 13,079

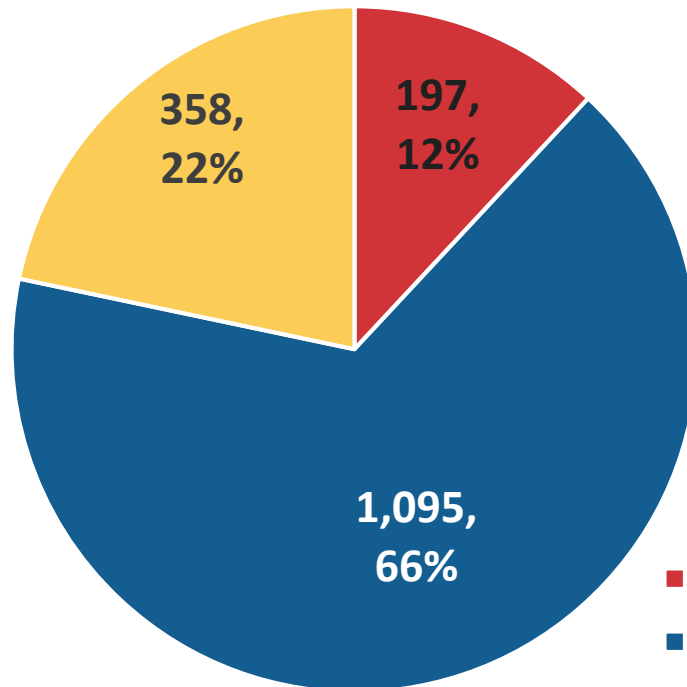
NC Pre-K Eligible 4 Year Olds



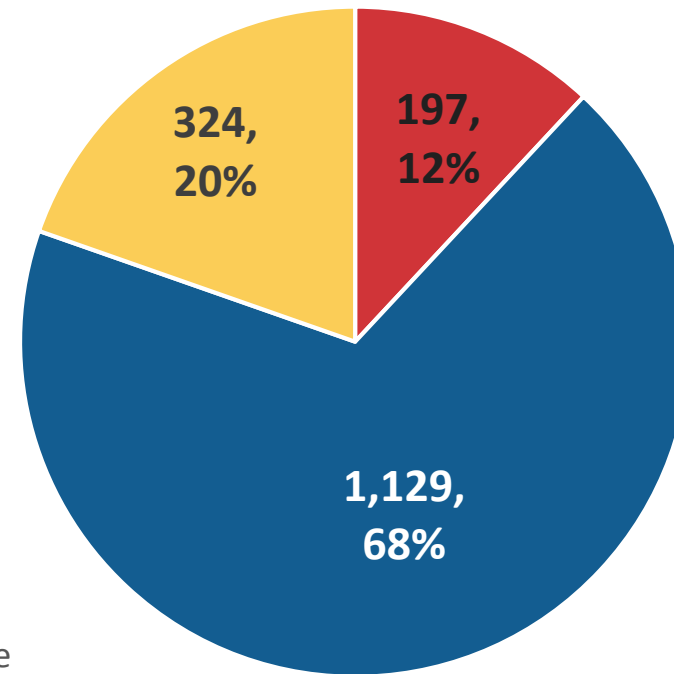
Number of Eligible 4 year olds: 4,277

NC Pre-K Children Being Served By Setting and Year

FY 18-19



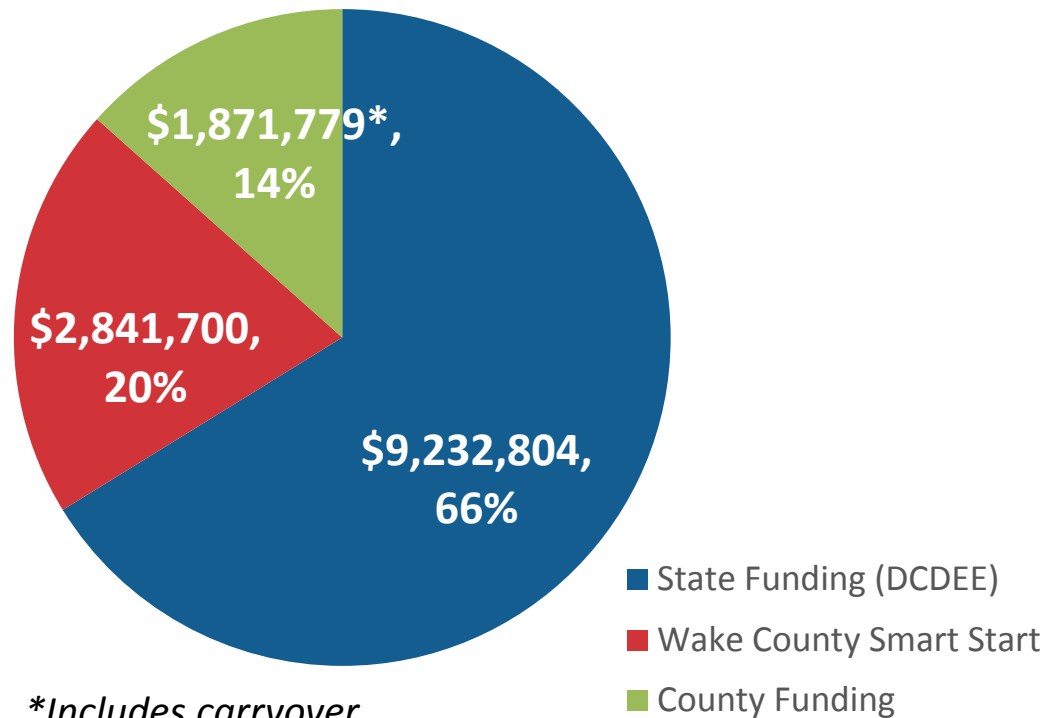
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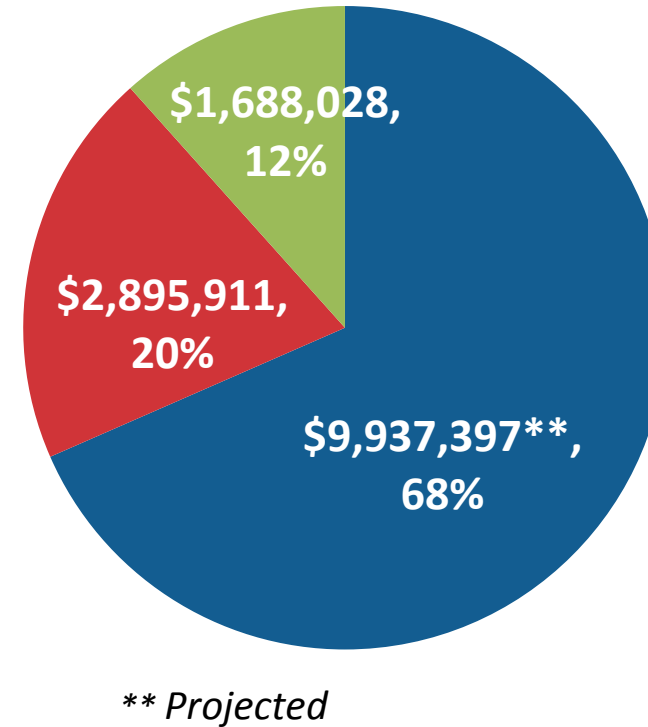
- Head Start
- Private Child Care
- Wake County Public Schools

NC Pre-K Children Being Served By Funding Source and Year

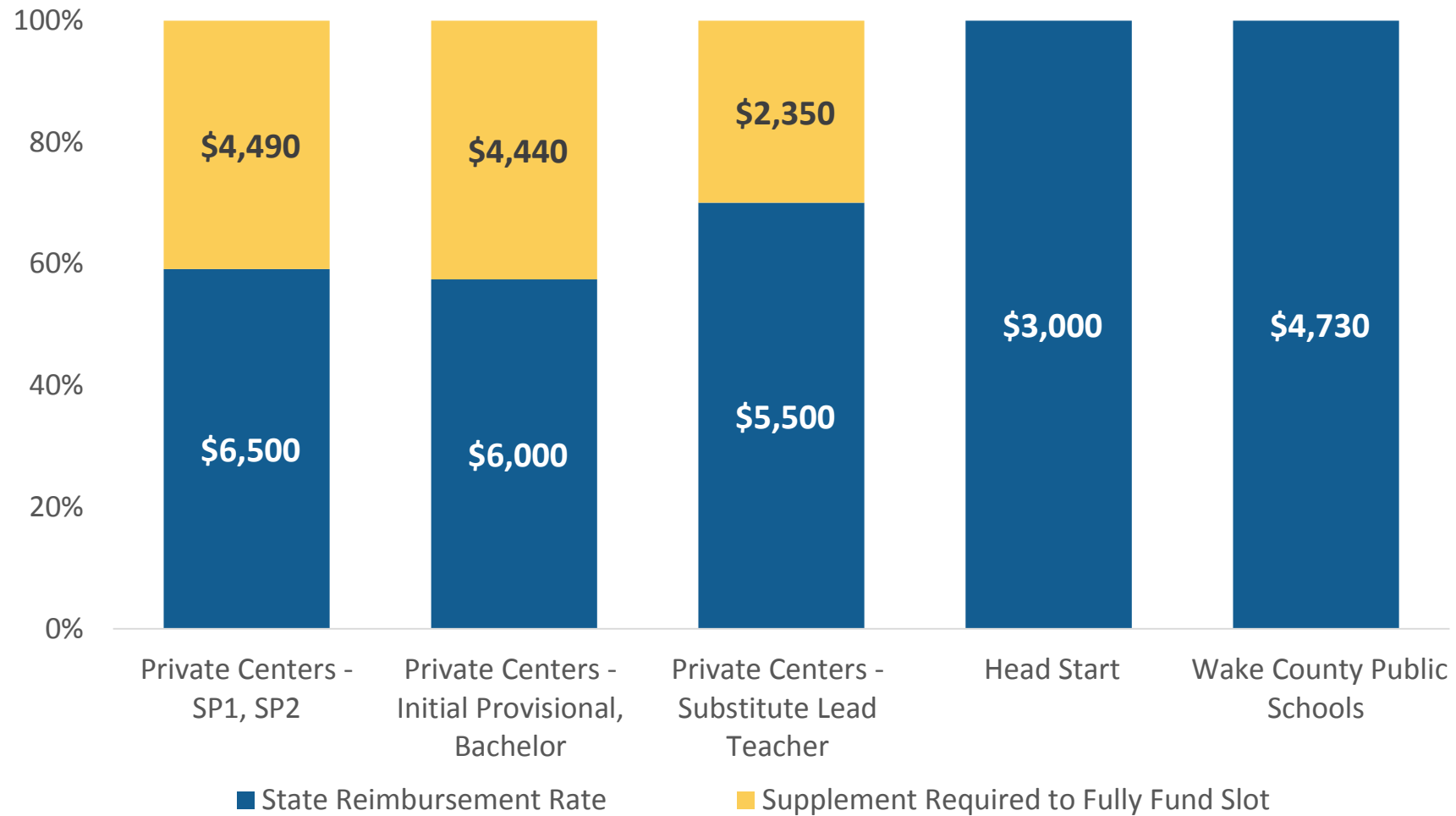
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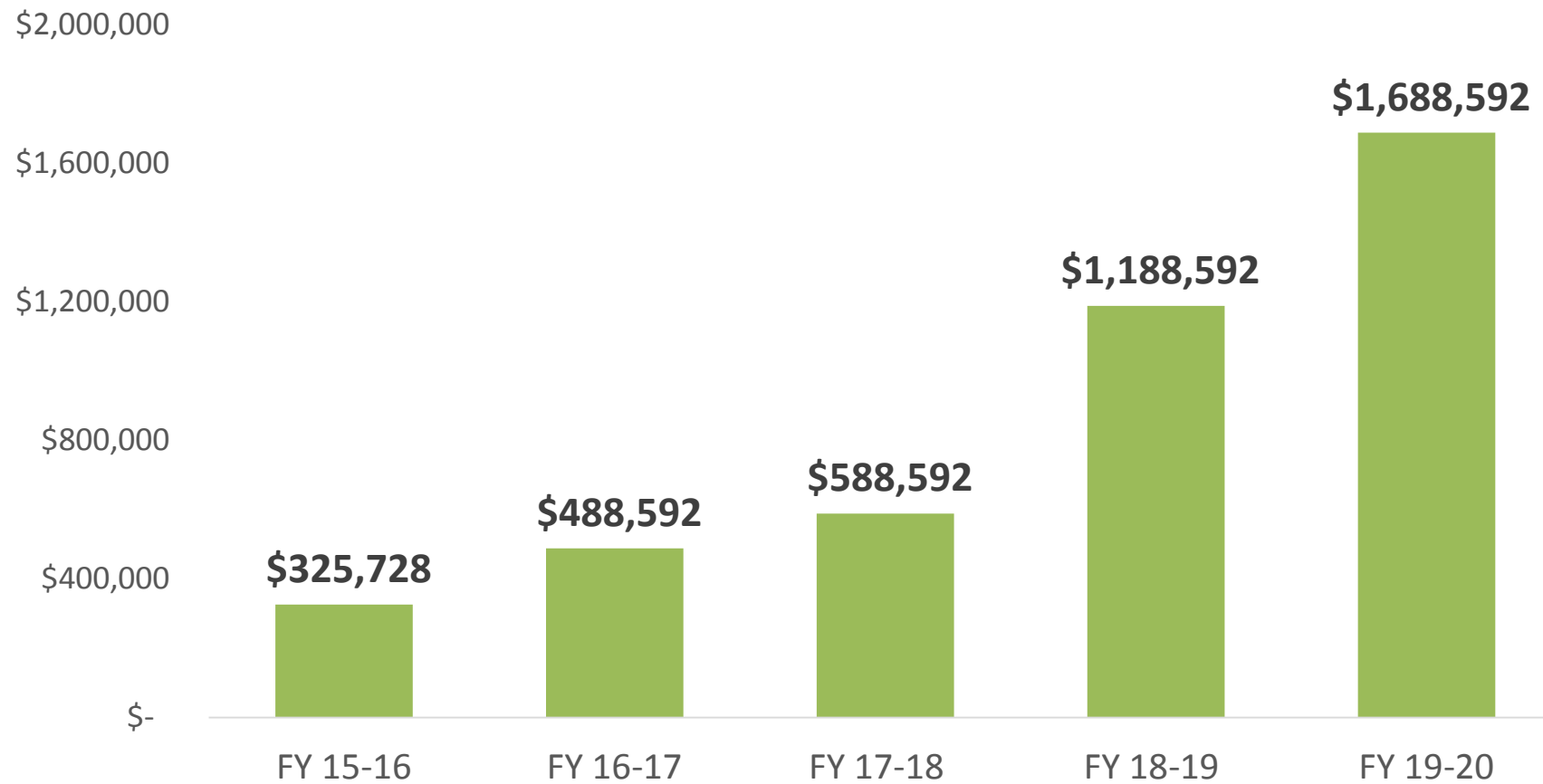
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Annual Gap Between State Funding and Total Cost Spent Per Child



County Funding



Summary

- **95% of NC Pre-K graduates measure ready for kindergarten** using literacy measures.
- **The #1 way we can affect Wake County graduation rates** and have a ready workforce **is to invest in high quality preschool.**
- The **state reimbursement rate has not increased** since 2012.
- **When the state appropriates for dollars for Pre-K, it is for more slots, but it does not increase the reimbursement rate.**
- If we want **to advance Pre-K** in Wake County, **we must lead locally.**

THANK YOU!

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Pre-K Research

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Highlighted Research

1. May 2019 General Assembly evaluation of high performing schools and value of NC Pre-K (packet includes 34-page study and one-page summary)
2. December 2016 Business Roundtable study on improving literacy rates (packet includes 40-page study and one-page summary)
3. 2018 NIEER report on barriers to Pre-K expansion in NC
4. December 2018 one-page summary on impact of NC Pre-K by Duke University

General Assembly Report

- Evaluated economically disadvantaged districts performing at grade level (7 out of 45 economically disadvantaged districts)
- High performing school districts separate themselves by 3rd grade
- Main pathway to high performance in disadvantaged districts is achievement before 3rd grade
- In 2017, four of the five North Carolina counties evaluated had 75 percent or more of their eligible children participating in NC Pre-K

NIEER Report Findings

- Number of children eligible for NC Pre-K exceeds capacity
- Resources available often do not cover costs
- Recommends modifying NC Pre-K funding structure by:
 - Developing target for expansion
 - Increasing reimbursement rates
 - Providing supplemental funding for teacher compensation and allowing more administrative costs
 - Exploring better use of child care subsidy funding

BRT Study Recommendations

Recommendation 1

Implement comprehensive, coordinated system that ensures accountability and alignment of birth through age 8 programs that put children on the pathway to grade-level reading

Recommendation 2

Develop connected data systems that track children's progress and allow for early interventions to keep them progressing toward third-grade literacy

Recommendation 3

Expand access to NC Pre-K to give greater numbers of children an opportunity to achieve reading proficiency by third grade

SAS Dashboard Demo

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Legislative Update

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Legislative Funding

- Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Included
 - \$9.35 million increase in FY 2020 (base budget)
 - \$9.35 million increase in FY 2021 (base budget)
- Governor's FY 2020 Proposed Budget
 - 8% increase in reimbursement rate
 - 2% increase in administrative support
- House Budget FY 2020 Proposed Budget
 - 2% increase in reimbursement rate (child care centers only)
- Senate Budget FY 2020 Proposed Budget
 - 2% increase in reimbursement rate (child care centers only)

Community Partners

- Adrienne Cole, President & CEO, Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce
- L'Teisha Curtis, Head Start Director, Telamon Corporation
- Dawn Dawson, Senior Director for Early Learning, Wake County Public School System
- Pam Dowdy, *Former* Executive Director, Wake County Smart Start
- Susan Gates, Special Advisor on Education, SAS Institute Inc.
- Jim Hansen, Regional President, PNC
- Gayle Headen, Executive Director, Wake County Smart Start
- Scott Huntley, System Design Engineer, SAS Institute Inc.
- Paul Koh, Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services, Wake County Public School System
- Suzanne Orozco, Executive Director, Telamon Corporation
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- Anna Troutman, Program Director, Wake County Smart Start

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