

Council of the City of York, PA
Session 2014
Resolution No.

PRE-K For PA

INTRODUCED BY: **Henry Hay Nixon**

DATE: **August 19, 2014**

WHEREAS, the vast majority of households have both parents working and thereby rely on child care in order to maintain employment and contribute to the tax base, and

WHEREAS, access to high quality pre-K gives children the opportunity to develop some of the most critical, fundamental cognitive and social skills needed to achieve their full potential in school, and

WHEREAS, pre-k strengthens our schools by ensuring all children arrive at kindergarten ready to learn, thereby reducing grade repetition and special needs costs for the district; and

WHEREAS, children with access to high-quality pre-k are less likely to commit a crime later in life, thereby defraying law enforcement costs; and

WHEREAS, these savings in academic remediation and special education costs, law enforcement costs, and public welfare costs all help to keep the local tax burden low, and

WHEREAS, every dollar invested in early education generates over \$2 in immediate local economic impact and up to \$17 in long-term public savings and benefit; and

WHEREAS, children who have experienced high-quality pre-k are more likely to graduate from high school, enjoy increased lifetime earnings and contribute to the tax base, and

WHEREAS, the City of York, York County, Pennsylvania, recognizes that currently too few of Pennsylvania three and four year olds are able to access high-quality pre-k, and

WHEREAS, high quality pre-school and excellent K-12 schools are needed to attract young families and the City of York, York County, Pennsylvania, wishes to strengthen its schools, communities, and economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of York, York County, Pennsylvania, supports a state effort to expand access to high-quality pre-k for all three and four year old children in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a signed copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Governor and our respective county and state legislators.

PASSED FINALLY:

BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

YEAS: _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

NAYS: _____.

Carol Hill-Evans, President of Council

ATTEST:

Dianna L. Thompson-Mitchell, City Clerk