



## PRE-K OUR WAY

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### GOV. MURPHY PRESS CONFERENCE IN JAMESBURG



#### April 9, 2018

Pamela Hernandez, Principal of John F Kennedy Elementary School and Kristy DeFazio, Early Childhood Supervisor for the Jamesburg Public Schools, welcome Governor Murphy and Acting Commissioner of Education Repollet to the April 9 governor's press conference on NJ's pre-k expansion at Jamesburg's pre-k.

**Following are links to selected news coverage and the original press release from the Office of the Governor.**

#### INSIDER NJ

Governor Murphy lauded the benefits of early childhood education in a visit to a pre-k classroom in Jamesburg; Murphy's budget proposal provides \$14.9 billion in funding for pre-K to 12 education, an increase of almost \$933 million over the previous year, with a \$57 million increase in existing pre-K funding.

<https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/governor-phil-murphy-discusses-benefits-early-childhood-education-pre-k-visit-jamesburg/>

#### WABC-TV

"It's probably the smartest investment we can make," said Murphy. "It's a hard one to convince people because it pays off over decades. But that doesn't make it less worthy."

<http://abc7ny.com/education/gov-murphy-proposes-full-day-pre-k-in-every-nj-school-district/3320444/>

#### NJ.COM

"For every dollar put into a child at this age, you get about 7 bucks back in society, both through their own life ... but also the broader economic benefits," Murphy, a Democrat, said during a visit to John F. Kennedy Elementary School in Jamesburg to promote his proposal.

[http://www.nj.com/politics/index.ssf/2018/04/phil\\_murphy\\_says\\_this\\_is\\_the\\_smartest\\_investment\\_n.html](http://www.nj.com/politics/index.ssf/2018/04/phil_murphy_says_this_is_the_smartest_investment_n.html)

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## NEWS 12

Gov. Phil Murphy says that he would like to see all New Jersey school districts have a pre-K program within the next four years.

<http://newjersey.news12.com/story/37915890/gov-murphy-wishes-to-see-pre-k-programs-at-all-nj-schools>

## NJ 101.5

In his proposed fiscal year 2019 budget, Gov. Phil Murphy would increase state spending on pre-K programs across New Jersey by \$57 million. It's part of an ambitious goal to eventually make pre-K available to all New Jersey youngsters, no matter what part of the state they live in.

<http://nj1015.com/a-push-to-expand-pre-k-in-new-jersey/>

## MY CENTRAL JERSEY.COM

Gov. Phil Murphy on Monday touted the benefits of investments in early education as he toured preschool classrooms at JFK Elementary School. The school was chosen for Murphy's visit because it recently implemented a dual-language program for pre-school learners with a grant it received in late 2017.

<https://www.mycentraljersey.com/story/news/education/2018/04/09/gov-murphy-touts-early-childhood-education-jamesburg/501019002/>

## NJTV

"I think it's fair to say we're all in violent agreement that investments in pre-K are among the smartest investments we can make. The Legislature had already gotten to it with a big chunk and you're seeing some tangible evidence of the results of that. And our budget has laid in another big chunk on top of that, a multiple of it. So, we think the combination gets us beginning down that road that we've promised to get down to over a period of years to get into universal pre-K."

<https://www.njtvonline.org/news/video/murphy-commits-53m-pre-k-expansion-statewide/>

## PRESS RELEASE, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Governor Murphy's Fiscal Year 2019 budget provides \$14.9 billion in funding for pre-K to 12 education, an increase of almost \$933 million over the previous year. A \$57 million increase will continue to fund existing pre-K programs and provide additional dollars for districts who wish to expand or start a pre-K program. This continues the process of expanding State-funded pre-K programs within the State of New Jersey.

[http://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562018/approved/20180409a\\_education.shtml](http://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562018/approved/20180409a_education.shtml)

**PRESS CONFERENCE RAW FOOTAGE (NJTV)** <https://youtu.be/KJqZikJrDfk>