



PRE-K OUR WAY

Prepared for school, ready for success.

Governor Murphy's FY2021 Budget Address

February 25, 2020

Key Extracts and Initial News Coverage

"Today, tens of thousands of three- and four-year-olds, in school districts up and down our state, have a fully-funded seat in a pre-K classroom – an opportunity nearly 6,000 of them didn't have two years ago." *Governor Murphy, FY2021 Budget Address*

"Funding pre-k, specifically, is directly making our communities more affordable for thousands of young families. And, it is making communities more attractive to prospective homebuyers." *Governor Murphy, FY2021 Budget Address*

Watch pre-k mentions at the Budget Address here: www.prekourway.org

Watch the entire Budget Address here: <https://www.njtvonline.org/news/video/njtv-news-special-report-2021-budget-address/>

Read the entire Budget Address here:
<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200225a.shtml>

<https://www.insidernj.com/governor-deal-maker/>

Standing Ovation!: As reported by InsiderNJ: "Murphy said that the budget, "proposes keeping us on our upward trajectory with an additional \$336 million investment in our K-through-12 classrooms for the upcoming school year" and that "we'll invest an additional \$83 million in pre-K, allowing us to expand opportunities for an additional 3,000 children." This brought about a standing ovation."

<https://www.nj.com/politics/2020/02/what-youll-find-in-murphys-409b-state-budget-that-would-raise-some-taxes-boost-pensions.html>

<https://newjerseyglobe.com/governor/statements-on-gov-murphys-budget-address/>

Includes statement from Senate Education Committee Chair M Teresa Ruiz, including "Early childhood education is pivotal in shaping a child's academic career. As we continue to increase funding, hopefully, in the near future, everyone in the state will have access to pre-k regardless of their socioeconomic status."