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New Jersey is less than two weeks away from March 13 and Governor Murphy's Budget Address. The message Expand NJ's Pre-K NOW! has been consistently delivered and widely shared - before, during and since the inauguration and inaugural celebrations. Speaking of celebrations, the 26 pre-k expansion districts continue to celebrate pre-k expansion in their communities. But remember, the funding is for just this one year. To help spread the word of their success and need for continued funding, we have new stories and pictures to share from them! Finally, **our Community Communication Meeting on March 22 is still accepting registrations**, but the March 21 meeting is officially waitlisted. There are many people ready to *Expand NJ's Pre-K NOW!*

GOVERNOR MURPHY AND NJ'S LEGISLATORS CAN INVEST IN NJ'S FUTURE

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50,000 KIDS ARE STILL WAITING

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Let's invest in our future as a state, and in the future of 50,000 of our youngest citizens. Keep the promise made more than a decade ago - and in more recent months. Expand NJ's Pre-K NOW!

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In case you missed it, that's the message delivered across several New Jersey websites and in select print media since Inauguration Day on January 16. Here's an example of what Observer carried in recent weeks and shared with its subscribers. That's the same message that the Star Ledger had on several Sundays in February. The time is NOW! If you haven't already, please sign up on our **website** to show your support and receive updated information about pre-k expansion as it happens. You can also like us on **Facebook** and follow us on **Twitter** to get updates in the coming weeks and throughout June 2018 - when the first budget of the new administration is signed.

SPRING SHOWERS CAN EXPAND NJ'S PRE-K!

Here's **creative ways to share the message of pre-k expansion in Trenton!** Attend Pre-K Our Way's *Community Communication Meetings* during the first days of spring 2018, and be ready for the season's unexpected showers - and to *Expand NJ's Pre-K NOW!*

<http://bit.ly/2EUWtk5>



PRE-K IN COMMUNITIES AND IN THE NEWS

- Throughout the winter months, Pre-K Our Way met with many private providers in **Middlesex, Morris and Somerset** counties to provide info about pre-k expansion. **Thanks to Community Child Care Solutions** (communitychildcaresolutions.org) and to **New Jersey Association for the Education of Young Children** (njaeyc.org) for the opportunity to be part of the panel discussions and excellent Q&A. Want info presented in your county? Contact info@prekourway.org.
- **"Early childhood education is going to be the great equalizer in our nation,"** said the Council of Chief State School Officers (<https://www.ccsso.org/>) in launching an initiative to boost access to high-quality pre-k. "This is a good time to have this conversation nationally to ensure kids get a leg up." We agree! #50000kidsarewaiting

EXPANSION DISTRICTS



Visit new short stories - and pictures - about some of NJ's recent 26 pre-k expansion districts. Pre-K Our Way's social media also has featured pre-k expansion stories about **Englewood, Carteret, Logan, Deptford** and **Somerville** - with more communities to come. New stories - new communities - are available now on our **website**. See if your district is there! If not, **send us your story** at info@prekourway.org!

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