



It's Time to Step Up for Kids!

Florida's parents enrolled more than 147,000 of their four-year-olds in the state's 2008 pre-kindergarten program due to its inclusive delivery system. Despite this, Florida is falling behind its sister southern states and more across the country in the quality of its pre-k implementation.

Putting degreed teachers in pre-k classrooms will cut 3rd grade retention rates, greatly increase student gains in math, spelling, and print, and reduce the more than \$800-million drop-out cost in future years.

Better still, the modest investment in degreed teachers would more than pay for itself in less than four years by reducing the expense of remediation and educational failure.

So, why hasn't it happened?

Four of Florida's leading legislators along with citizens, child advocates, educators, experts and providers committed to educational reform are holding a Town Hall Meeting to develop a plan of action.

What: Town Hall Meeting - Step Up For Kids

Degreed Teachers In Pre-K Classrooms

Hosted By: - Honorable Representative Janet Long
- Honorable Representative Will Weatherford
- Honorable Senator Nan Rich
- Honorable Senator Mike Fasano
- Leon Russell, Board Member, Children's Campaign, Inc.
- Roy Miller, President, Children's Campaign, Inc.
- Linda Alexionok, Exec. Director, Children's Campaign, Inc.

When: Tuesday, December 15th 2009

Live webcast will be available the evening of the event.

Proceedings will be filmed for later television broadcast.

Time: 4:00-5:00pm - Reception

5:00-6:30pm - Town Hall Meeting

Where: St. Petersburg College - Seminole Campus

9200 113th St. N. Seminole, FL

University Partnership Center

(Room 160 - Digitorium)

Pre-Register Today!

Seating is limited to 200.

Join us for an action-oriented discussion:

- The science and research supporting degreed teachers in pre-k classrooms;
- Fiscal, economic, and taxpayer benefits;
- Federal support of state-sponsored pre-k programs;
- Success stories in other states; and
- A Call To Action.

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