



**ESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT
LANGHORNE, PENNSYLVANIA**

Agenda Item for Presentation at Board Meeting

TOPIC: Support of High Quality Pre-K for Pennsylvania

PRESENTED BY: Mr. Anthony Sposato

DATE OF MEETING: October 28, 2014

Motion To Be Presented...

Whereas, the School Board of Directors, are aware respected research shows that children who have had access to high-quality Pre-K perform well in school and further in life, and

Whereas, more children are enrolling in Kindergarten in need of extra assistance and preparation that is often difficult for school districts to provide and which may be avoided with greater access to high quality Pre-K

Whereas, research conducted in Pennsylvania finds that increased access to Pre-K can decrease the rate of special education placements by nearly fifty percent through the second grade, and

Whereas, an increasing number of our region's families are finding it difficult to meet the costs of high-quality Pre-K, which can frequently exceed spending on rent or mortgage, or college tuition, and

Whereas, childcare centers, nursery schools and pre-k centers do not uniformly have the capacity or resources to offer high quality Pre-K programs.

Therefore, be it resolved, that:

We, the Neshaminy School Board of Directors, support the adoption of state policies that ensure every three and four year old child in Pennsylvania can access high-quality Pre-K and as a result will more likely be ready for kindergarten, as well as academic and lifelong success.

Moved by: Mr. Anthony Sposato

Seconded by: Mr. Stephen Pirritano

Motion Prepared by: Mr. Robert L. Copeland

Date Prepared: September 23, 2014

VOTE

Ayes

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Nays

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Abstentions

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