

Navigating PreK Day 2025

New York State Education Department
Office of Early Learning

May 8, 2025 * 8:30am-3:30pm

HUXLEY THEATER, NYS MUSEUM

- 8:30-9:00 Registration**
- 9:00-9:20 Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Dr. Jeffrey Matteson, State Education Department, Senior Deputy Commissioner
for Education Policy
Erik Sweet, Executive Director, Office of Early Learning
- 9:20-10:20 Morning Panel: Prekindergarten Classroom Learning Environment**
Hannibal CSD
Watervliet City SD
Duanesburg CSD
◦ Questions from the Audience
- 10:25-10:45 2025-2026 Prekindergarten Funding Update**
- 10:45-11:00 Break**
- 11:00-12:00 Morning Breakout Sessions:**
- Fostering Success for Emergent Multilingual Learners - Members Lounge
 - Prekindergarten to Kindergarten Transition - Room A
 - Literacy in the PreK Classroom - Student Center
 - Science Everywhere - Huxley Theater
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch**
- 1:00-2:00 Afternoon Panel: Prekindergarten Attendance**
Buffalo PS
Medina CSD
◦ Questions from the Audience
- 2:00-2:20 Collaboration Council Recommendations**
Erik Sweet, Executive Director, Office of Early Learning
Nora Yates, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Child Care Services
- 2:20-2:25 Networking - Lori Smart**, Director, Office of Early Learning
- 2:25-2:30 Break**
- 2:30-3:30 Networking Sessions:**
- Kindergarten Transition - Members Lounge
 - Literacy and the Science of Reading - Student Center
 - Prekindergarten Attendance - Huxley Theater
 - Prekindergarten Classroom Learning Environment- Room A
 - Promoting Positive Behavior - Room B