



UPK Advisory Group

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Item Type: Discussion

Recommendation: That the Board approve the proposal to form a new UPK Advisory Group.

Background: Building off prior investments, the 2021 Budget Act included \$639.2 million to expand eligibility for transitional kindergarten, beginning in 2022-23. In addition, the eligibility for the State Preschool Program will also be expanded. The eligibility period for State Preschool will be increased from 12 months of continuous eligibility, after eligibility is confirmed, to 24 months. Also, children with an individualized education program will be categorically eligible for the program. Finally, providers who have served all eligible three-and four-year-olds will be permitted to enroll two-year-old children.

County offices of education are dedicated to the successful implementation of Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) to best serve the needs of their communities, families, and youngest learners. To support county offices of education as leaders in the implementation of UPK, staff recommend the creation of the UPK Advisory Group.