

# 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