

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** **Opening Remarks: Erik Sweet, Executive Director, Office of Early Learning**
- 9:20-10:20** **Morning Panel: Prekindergarten Classroom Learning Environment**
Duanesburg CSD
Hannibal CSD
Watervliet 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:**
- EML's and Cultural Responsiveness in PreK - Room B
 - Kindergarten Transition - Member's Lounge
 - Literacy in the PreK Classroom - Student Center
 - P-3 Cultural Education - Room A
 - 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 and 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 - Huxley Theater
 - Literacy and the Science of Reading - Student Center
 - Prekindergarten Attendance - Member's Lounge
 - Prekindergarten Classroom Learning Environment- Room A
 - Promoting Positive Behavior - Room B