



# Pre-K Update Webinar

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# Agenda

- School Year 2016 Reminders
- Preparing for Next School Year
  - Registration Information
  - Application Timeline and Process
  - School Year 2017 Budget
- Summer Transition Program
  - Program Information
  - Application Timeline and Process
- School Year 2017 Budget- Governor's Recommendation

# School Year 2016 Reminders- Rosters

- Thank you!
- Roster 4 Dates:
  - February 17<sup>th</sup> – Roster open for data entry
  - March 16<sup>th</sup> – Count Date
  - March 18<sup>th</sup> – Submission Date
- Remember to update the waiting list.

# School Year 2016 Reminders- Director Training

- *The Building Blocks for Success (3 hours)*
  - Focuses on supporting teachers in using the GELDS Toolbox and PEACH (Planning Educational Activities for Children) database
- *Instructional Supports Strategies (6 hours)*
  - Directors gain information about providing more intentional and effective feedback when working with teachers to increase interactions in the area of Instructional Support.
- *Feedback Strategies (6 hours)*
  - Become more intentional and effective when sharing results of CLASS observations with teachers and setting goals for growth.
  - Slots available! Registration at [www.decal.ga.gov/trainingregistration](http://www.decal.ga.gov/trainingregistration)
- *Year-End Reconciliation Report*
  - Face to face training has been completed. A webinar will be posted on the Pre-K Project Directors page.

# School Year 2016 Reminders- Pre-K Teachers of the Year

- Application period closed on January 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Application review process will be conducted this spring and fall.
- Eligible winners must be teaching in a Georgia's Pre-K class in School Year 2017.
- Winners announced in the fall:
  - Two winners
    - 1 teacher employed by a local school system
    - 1 lead teacher employed by a private provider

# Preparing for the Next School Year- Student Registration

- Director home page on DECAL website has been updated.
  - Child Registration Form- **Updated!**
    - Added guardian email address
    - Updated contact information to include cell phone numbers
  - Waiting List Form has been added.
  - CAPS Referral Form for Georgia's Pre-K- **Updated!**
  - SY 2017 Guidelines will be posted July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Registration Reminders:
  - Programs may not require certain conditions for enrollment in Pre-K (upfront fees, participation in summer programs, etc.).
  - Must have a Pre-K enrollment policy on file for review.
  - Only proof of age and residency are required for registration.

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/Prek/ProjectDirectors.aspx>

# Preparing for the Next School Year- Pre-K Applications

- March 28<sup>th</sup>:
  - Continuation and expansion application will be available in PANDA.
  - New grantee application will be posted on the DECAL website for download. Must be submitted by mail.
- April 22<sup>nd</sup>:
  - Applications are due by COB (5:00 pm).
  - PANDA applications must be submitted electronically.
  - Paper applications (new) must be postmarked by April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

# Summer Transition Program (STP)

- Six-week, intensive instructional and family support program during June and July
  - Families meet income eligibility requirements
- Funding 170 STP classes
  - Expansion of 60 additional classes this year
- Two Program Models
  - Rising Pre-K
  - Rising Kindergarten



# Summer Transition Program (STP)

## ● Rising Pre-K Program

- Bilingual program focused on children who are age eligible for and registered to attend Pre-K in SY 2017 whose home language is Spanish
- Bilingual teacher and transition coach
- Identified programs are invited to participate
- Families meet income eligibility requirements

# Summer Transition Program (STP)

- Rising Kindergarten
  - Transition program focused on children didn't attend Pre-K or Head Start or attended but need additional academic support
  - Current Pre-K Programs in good standing are eligible to apply
    - New Application
    - Continuation Application

# Summer Transition Program- Rising Kindergarten Application

- March 7<sup>th</sup>: Application will be available **in PANDA**
- March 24<sup>th</sup>: Application must be submitted electronically by COB (5:00 pm)
- February 25: Informational webinar (registration notification coming soon)
- Questions – contact  
[summerschool@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:summerschool@dec.al.ga.gov)

# Governor's FY2017 Proposed Budget

- The Governor's budget includes **\$34.1 million** in additional lottery funding for Georgia's Pre-K Program
- Proposed budget supports recommendations made by the Education Reform Commission:
  - Increase lead teacher salary
  - Increase assistant teacher salary
  - Provide additional funding for operating and benefit costs

# Governor's FY2017 Proposed Budget

- Increase **Lead Teacher** salary:
  - Increase salary base for a four year degree to **\$26,000**
  - Add a pay level for a master's degree in ECE- **\$38,400**
  - Implement a new compensation model for teachers employed by public and private programs
    - **3%** for each **2** years of **credible** teaching years
- Increase **Assistant Teacher** salary:
  - Increase salary by **11%**
- Additional **3%** increase proposed for all state employees including **Pre-K Lead and Assistant Teachers**:
  - Lead Teachers- 3% on base salary
  - Assistant Teachers- 14% total increase

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- Additional lottery funds to increase benefits for Pre-Kindergarten lead and assistant teachers and provide program providers with the flexibility to combine benefits and non-instructional costs as needed.
- Modifications will be made to the rate chart to reflect this flexibility.

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- No changes proposed for:
  - Class size- 22 students
  - Calendar- 180 days for students, 10 additional days for planning and professional development
  - # of student slots- 84,000 slots

# Governor's FY2017 Proposed Budget

- **DECAL Next Steps:**
  - Finalization of rate chart based on proposed budget
    - Post by February 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Development of policy and process to support new compensation model including verification of credible teaching years & credentials
  - Upgrades of PANDA system to process payments
- Budget is **preliminary** until the state budget is finalized.



# Questions?

# Thank you for joining the webinar.

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