# SCHOOL READINESS FUNDING

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ENROLLING YOUR CHILD IN KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten services are now required to collect information from all parents and guardians about their education and employment.

#### WHY ARE WE COLLECTING THIS INFORMATION?

Collecting this information will help your kindergarten to receive "school readiness" funding. This is in addition to normal kindergarten funding. The amount of funding each kindergarten gets will be based on the needs of its children, as determined by their parent/guardian occupation and education information.

#### WHAT IS SCHOOL READINESS FUNDING?

School readiness funding will help children get even more out of their time at kindergarten.

School readiness funding will be spent on ways known to help children reach school ready to learn. This could include special programs to support children's language development, resources for educators to help children manage their emotions, or on professionals such as speech therapists to work with children, teachers and families.

This funding will be progressively introduced across the state from 2019 and will reach all kindergarten services by 2021.

#### WE WILL RESPECT YOUR PRIVACY

This is the same information collected by schools when a child is enrolled in prep. All information provided during the enrolment process will only be used to inform kindergarten funding.

### **ANY QUESTIONS?**

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