

**Sacramento County Board of Education**  
**Resolution 05-03**  
**A Resolution in Support of Voluntary, Quality Preschool for All**  
**Four-Year-Olds in California**

The Sacramento County Board of Education does hereby find and resolve as follows:

**WHEREAS**, by partnering with parents, who are their children's first teachers, quality preschool programs prepare children to do their best by nurturing their social-emotional, cognitive, linguistic and physical development; enhancing their self-confidence; and paving the way for a lifetime of learning; and

**WHEREAS**, during their K-12 years and beyond, children who attend quality preschool perform better on standardized achievement tests in reading and math; exhibit more positive behaviors in the classroom; are more likely to graduate from high school, continue their education and be more prosperous as adults; and

**WHEREAS**, ensuring access to quality preschool for all four-year-olds whose parents choose to send them has proven to be one of the soundest educational and financial investments the public can make, providing demonstrated, significant, long-term savings on the costs of special education, grade retention, welfare and crime; and

**WHEREAS**, preschool programs should be funded adequately in order to assure adherence to established standards of quality, and to attract and keep professionals who are educated and compensated at levels comparable to those in California's K-12 system and programs serving younger children; be linked to full-day, affordable early care and education programs to meet the needs of working families; and be subject to research-based assessment to ensure desired outcomes for children;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Sacramento County Board of Education urges the State of California to invest in voluntary, quality preschool for all four-year-olds; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sacramento County Board of Education will work with a broad spectrum of community members and state policy makers to increase voluntary access to quality preschool for all four-year-olds through both public and private providers in a variety of settings, including schools, child care centers, Head Start programs, and family child care homes.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Sacramento County Board of Education this 27th day of April, 2005.