

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 110278)

RESOLUTION

Calling on the Governor of Pennsylvania, the State House of Representatives and the State Senate to continue to fund full day Kindergarten.

WHEREAS, Full-day kindergarten advocates have stated that Governor Corbett's proposed budget cuts would eliminate grants that fund after school programs and full-day kindergarten; and

WHEREAS, A child's education is the most important factor in determining his or her future quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Full-day kindergarten is an important educational resource for our children that benefits them academically, socially and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, Kindergarten teaches basic life skills and prepares students for the first grade and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Kindergarten teaches children how to socialize, how to play with others, how to be less self-centered, how to wait, how to follow instructions, how to take turns, how to work in a team, and how to interact with peers; and

WHEREAS, Kindergarten allows students to get accustomed to a full school day; and

WHEREAS, Full-day kindergarten allows parents more flexibility to work and provide for their families while their children are being educated in a formal and structured environment; and

WHEREAS, Kindergarten helps children develop social skills, communication skills and impacts healthy emotional and psychological development, all of which impact their further development as a teenager and young adult into adulthood; and

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RESOLVED, That the Philadelphia City Council hereby Calls on the Governor of Pennsylvania, the State House of Representatives and the State Senate to continue to fund full day Kindergarten; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a Copy of this Resolution be given to the Governor of Pennsylvania, the State House of Representatives and the State Senate.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the twenty-eighth of April, 2011.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Blackwell, Green and Jones

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Blackwell, Green, Jones, Krajewski, DiCicco, Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Clarke, Miller, Goode, Council President Verna, O'Neill, Rizzo and Kenney