


# VOTE YES ON SB166

## SCHOOL READINESS AMENDMENTS

Sponsored by Senator Millner and Representative Last



**6** out of **10** low-income children in Utah are not kindergarten ready in literacy standards



Since 2016, Utah's two high quality preschool programs have operated under different rules, evaluations, and application processes. **SB166 School Readiness Amendments** combines these existing programs so they work under the same standards and ultimately better prepare students for kindergarten.

### **SB166 builds upon lessons learned since Utah began investing in preschool in 2014. The bill:**

- Supports school, private, and home-based programs
- Focuses on children at high risk for academic failure
- Promotes parental choice
- Requires instruction proven to prepare kids for school
- Invests in programs working toward high quality standards
- Boosts seats available in high quality programs
- Refines and streamlines the evaluation process

WHEN CHILDREN START KINDERGARTEN READY TO LEARN, THEY ARE LAYING A FOUNDATION THAT SUPPORTS FUTURE LEARNING AND BETTER HEALTH. **VOTE YES ON SB166** AND HELP PROVIDE HIGH-QUALITY EARLY EDUCATION TO UTAH'S YOUNGEST STUDENTS.

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