

KEEP THE CHANGE

Last year, the legislature proved its commitment to early education by ensuring per-pupil pre-K funding was enough to promote quality. The legislature raised the pre-K rate from \$4,300 to \$5,000 per child, a difference of \$700 total and \$350 in state funds. Because the pandemic interrupted the session, the legislature made this change directly in the budget bill. This year, we need to finish the job to **make the rate increase permanent** and **prevent a cut to pre-K** in the middle of the pandemic. **Let's KEEP THE CHANGE!**

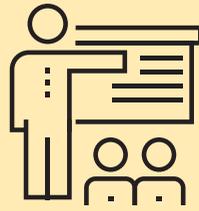
HOW \$5,000 PER PUPIL IMPACTED PRE-K IN LAFAYETTE-OXFORD EARLY LEARNING COLLABORATIVE (ELC)



23 Classrooms



340 Students



23 Teachers



23 Teaching Assistants

\$111,300 INCREASE IN STATE FUNDS FROM THE RATE CHANGE

How Lafayette-Oxford ELC Used the Funds:

1. Lafayette-Oxford ELC purchased additional books and supplies for each curriculum unit for each ELC classroom.
2. The ELC also created at-home learning kits, which included materials for virtual students to complete activities at home. Kits include books and manipulatives that correspond with different units.
3. Every student in the ELC received either a Chromebook or an iPad.

Lafayette-Oxford ELC Says:

"To be high quality, ELCs need adequate funding to create a learning environment that inspires. One way ELCs ensure their classrooms are high quality is by using the Opening the World of Learning (OWL) curriculum. OWL is an evidence-based learning curriculum. Lafayette-Oxford Early Learning Collaborative used our additional funds, acquired through raising the per-pupil funding rate, to supplement the OWL curriculum during COVID-19. With the combination of the OWL at-home learning kits and technology, teachers were able to extend learning beyond their classroom, engaging students and families even when they could not be in person. **These resources have been essential in helping us maintain our scores and in reaching students and families.**"

WE KNOW THAT FOUR-YEAR-OLDS WHO ATTEND HIGH-QUALITY PRE-K:

A Enter kindergarten with **stronger** literacy, language, math, and social-emotional skills.
B **C**



Are **less likely** to need special education services, **less likely** to repeat grades, and **more likely** to graduate and enroll in college.



See **stronger** employment opportunities and increased earning potential.



Are **less likely** to commit juvenile and adult crimes.

