

YOUR MONTHLY UPDATE FROM TRENTON

FOR NEW JERSEY'S THIRD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



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Expanding Pre-K in NJ

Senate President Sweeney is leading a legislative effort for more preschool funding. During a visit to Oakview Elementary School in West Deptford Township, the Senate President made the case for expanded funding, saying spending on preschool for 3 and 4-year-olds is worth it because researchers have learned that 85 percent of brain development happens between birth and age 5. "The investment in our children at the earliest ages makes all the difference in the world," said Sweeney.



"This will separate New Jersey from other states," said Senate President Sweeney, on expanded preschool funding.

CONSTITUENT RESOURCES

Addiction Services:

If you or a loved one needs assistance, help is a phone call away. Dial **1-844-REACHNJ** or click [here](#) for access to the New Jersey Dept. of Human Services.

Preparing for college?

Information on deadlines for financial aid forms, plus access to details on grants and scholarship opportunities available to New Jersey students, can be found [here](#).

Motor Vehicle Commission:

The top 4 customer mistakes at the Motor Vehicle Commission and how to avoid them, [here](#).



⇒ Senate President Sweeney emphasizes the need to confront the state's mounting fiscal problems and warned that New Jersey won't be able to make critical investments in education, transportation, higher education and social services unless it enacts reforms to address the looming budget crisis fueled by runaway pension and benefit costs.

⇒ Senator Sweeney reacts to poll showing the public's dissatisfaction with the handling of state finances in New Jersey.

'Path to Progress'

Senate President Steve Sweeney was presented with the 'One World Award' at the 2019 Bancroft Butterfly Ball, honoring his support and commitment to services and programs for those with developmental disabilities.



Newsworthy and Noteworthy...

Senator Sweeney advocates for criminal justice reform and reentry at the New Jersey Reentry Corporation's Annual Conference. Read the story [here](#).

Senator President Steve Sweeney joined the African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey for a panel discussion on public policies essential to the state's competitiveness, including those that impact black-owned businesses and the African American community. Details [here](#).



Senator Sweeney with John Harmon, Sr., Founder, President & CEO of the African American Chamber of Commerce of NJ.