

# THE ROAD AHEAD



## GOVERNOR KELLY'S VISION FOR KANSAS

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## *GOVERNOR KELLY IS FOCUSED ON KANSANS*

Our children are the future of Kansas, and if we want to give our kids the best possible future, then we must ensure they have access to care and education before kindergarten. I will implement an early childhood development plan that starts our kids off early on the right foot to create a stronger, more prosperous Kansas for generations to come.

## *INVESTING IN OUR KIDS AND FUTURE*

1. Centralize All Childcare Programs
2. Expand Affordable Childcare Across Kansas
3. Expand Pre-School and Early Literacy Programs
4. Fund Our Schools

**"Gov. Kelly announces \$53 million in bonuses for Kansas child care workers"**

WIBW, June 21st 2022



## CENTRALIZING CHILDCARE PROGRAMS

To implement a comprehensive early childhood education plan, we must start by streamlining the processes.



Investing in early childhood education pays dividends for the state, creating our greatest return on investment. We must streamline the processes and centralize all childcare programs and responsibilities into one central location under the Secretary of Early Childhood Development. This new cabinet-level position will solely focus on children from ages zero to five and will work to increase both the quantity and quality of affordable childcare in Kansas. The secretary will coordinate with the state's K-12 system to strengthen and expand early learning opportunities at a young age.



**"The more we invest in early childhood education, the more we improve Kansans' physical and mental health."**



## MAKING CHILDCARE AFFORDABLE

Access to affordable childcare increases positive futures for kids and prepares more Kansans to enter the workforce.



We'll increase investments in childcare infrastructure to create new facilities in communities across Kansas, which will boost access to care for parents and families. We will also streamline state services for childcare by identifying efficiencies, streamlining processes, and cutting red tape to expedite licenses for new providers that want to open facilities and existing providers that want to expand their business.



**"We'll continue investing in childcare workers to ensure that these essential employees remain part of our workforce and can stay employed to help every Kansas kid get ahead."**



## EXPANDING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

We must build on the success of our Pre-K Pilot program.



It's time to make our Pre-K Pilot program permanent, and explore ways to expand it so that all at-risk children can receive full-day pre-K. We'll work to pass additional tax credits to help families afford preschool and childcare. We will also seek the additional resources necessary to expand the Dolly Parton Imagination Library statewide, encouraging and supporting young literacy. These moves will provide the foundation to explore the creation of a pathway to universal pre-K.



**"I'll ensure that all Kansas children can reap the benefits of early childhood education."**



# KEEPING OUR SCHOOLS FULLY FUNDED

When I first took office, Kansas public schools were chronically underfunded, leaving our children to suffer the consequences. I ran for governor to ensure that every one of our children receives the world-class education they deserve. Today, we've fully funded schools four years in a row, ended the wasteful cycle of litigation, and put our children on track to succeed. We will expand on this foundation with new investments in education.

## NEW INVESTMENTS IN EDUCATION

- Fully Fund Special Education
- Computer Science and Technology
- Career and Technical Education Programs

**"Kansas governor signs bill to fully fund K-12 education"**

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