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Please vote YES for Universal Preschool Now!

Universal preschool is a racial and social justice issue! This measure addresses a fundamental social inequity by ensuring all children are guaranteed early educational support, a great foundation for future learning.

Higher income earners can afford it! This is a progressive funding measure that helps eliminate racial and gender inequities. No matter who you are, you rely on the people who take care of our children. Some of us can already afford preschool, but many families are left behind. This measure most helps those who most deserve it.

Culturally-responsive programming just works better! All the data shows us that children perform better when they're in an environment that understands their culture and where staff come from their community. This measure will provide jobs for Black, Latinx, Asian and Native American childcare workers to meet the needs of those communities who have the least access.

End the school to prison pipeline! Research also shows us that youth who have access to early childhood education are better able to attain higher wages and avoid incarceration later in life. While we work to prevent our criminal justice system from harming BIPOC Portlanders, we must also invest in the lifelong educational and economic attainment of these same individuals. Universal Preschool does just that.

"Alongside many of my friends and neighbors, I gathered signatures to support the community-led effort to bring universal pre-K to our County. We will make sure the City supports young families and gives parents the vital resources to succeed. Please, vote YES to provide all our kids with equal opportunity." - Sarah lannarone, Progressive Candidate for Mayor

"As a father of two small children, childcare costs are too high for my wife and I. We need programs like Universal Preschool, Now!" - Gregory McKelvey, Democratic Party of Oregon Black Caucus Co-Chair, Sarah lannarone Supporter

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Multhomah County Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson and David Douglas School Board Member Sahar Muranovic proudly say YES to Preschool for All

Preschool is a powerful force for good. It has real, lasting positive impacts for children and families.

Well-funded preschool programs can also properly pay the hardworking professionals teaching our children. All together, these opportunities promote a healthier and more just society.

Our community understands this: We know that our families, community, and economy need universal preschool now more than ever, to ensure that **children can learn and grow, families have the support they need** to be able to work, and **preschool teachers have stable jobs** to earn a living wage.

Measure 26-214—Preschool for All—will positively impact children, families, employers, our school partners, teachers, preschool providers and preschool workers, who are overwhelmingly women and disproportionately women of color.

It will be an investment worthy of this historical moment, when we prioritize investments in children and BIPOC communities, who are most affected by the lack of affordable, highquality preschool.

There are different ways we can show up for these communities. On one hand are tweets, memes, posters, and selfies.

And then there's partnership, action, and most importantly, investments. <u>Investments in our</u> <u>children, and investments in BIPOC communities.</u>

We need more of the latter, and that's the opportunity before us.

The Preschool for All Plan is an opportunity for Multnomah County to show the nation that our community is united in the belief that strong families and fair wages for teachers and workers benefit all of us.

Multhomah County is not waiting to envision change. We are uniting to build a better future starting now.

Please join us in saying YES to Preschool for All YES to Measure 26-214

Jessica Vega Pederson Multnomah County Commissioner Preschool for All Co-Chair Sahar Muranovic David Douglas School Board Member Preschool for All Co-Chair

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Join Universal Preschool NOW: Vote YES on Measure 26-214 — Preschool for All

Universal preschool is one of the most profound ways a society can give its children a good start in life. America is one of the only wealthy nations where this common-sense benefit is not guaranteed. Places that have implemented universal preschool — including New York, Oklahoma, and Washington DC — have seen remarkable economic and social benefits, not only for children and their families, but for entire regions.

Our coalition formed when workers, families, and community groups united to bring free preschool to Multhomah County. In a historic signature drive, hundreds of volunteers gathered thousands of signatures in five weeks during a pandemic, showing the great need and enthusiasm for universal preschool. We joined the **Preschool for All** coalition to create a strong, universal program that guarantees a living wage for teachers, funded by a fair tax on our county's wealthiest people.

This program will change lives in Multhomah County and set the standard for the nation. We are proud to bring it before you,

VOTE YES on MEASURE 26-214

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Chương trình Preschool for All sẽ giúp các gia đình đang làm việc trên khắp Quận Multnomah. Chương trình sẽ cho phép phụ huynh lựa chọn trường mằm non chất lượng cao, miễn học phí phù hợp với gia đình, đề họ có thể đi làm, xây dựng sự nghiệp, trang trải các chi phí, đóng góp vào nền kinh tế, đồng thời đảm bảo rằng con họ không bỏ lỡ cơ hội xây dựng các kỹ năng xă hội và học tập quan trọng. Bỏ phiếu đồng ý cho Dự luật 26-214.

В рамках инициативы Preschool for All будет оказана помощь трудолюбивым семьям, проживающим в округе Малтнома. Она позволит родителям выбирать высококачественное, бесплатное дошкольное образование, подходящее именно для их семьи и позволяющее им выходить на работу, строить карьеру, оплачивать счета и вносить свой вклад в экономику, при этом обеспечивая своим детям развитие важных социальных и академических навыков. Голосуете за меру 26-214.

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My name is Lydia Gray-Holifield, but most people know me as Miss Lydia. I have been involved in the work of making universal preschool a reality since my own daughter was in preschool. Years have passed, and my daughter is now in elementary school. Just as my daughter has grown, so has this preschool for all movement.

I am so excited about Measure 26-214, because it was created with, as opposed to for, families with the least access to preschool today—families like mine.

As a Black woman who grew up in Portland and am raising my children here, I know the struggle Black, Brown, and Indigenous children and families face every single day. Our experiences matter. Our pain matters. And our needs matter.

Preschool for All has prioritized equity from the start, centering the lived experiences of children, families, and preschool providers when creating Measure 26-21.4.

As parents, we are our children's first teachers. And we deserve to be involved in our child's education. But language or cultural barriers prevent many of us from communicating with preschool teachers. This measure takes equity seriously, and preserves and expands our network of culturally specific providers.

And this measure will build a preschool system that serves children in all of our communities. That means teachers who speak diverse languages, before and after care for families, and developmentally appropriate programming.

Best of all, Measure 26-214 provides tuition-free preschool for everyone.

I am so excited for November 3, because I know this community will enthusiastically say YES on Measure 26-214 and make Preschool for All a reality. This win for children and families will be monumental. Multnomah County will set an example for Oregon, and the rest of the county with the best universal preschool program this country has ever seen. And I'm so excited to use that energy to propel this work forward.

Join me in voting YES on Measure 26-214

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VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-214 - PRESCHOOL FOR ALL

We are parents, and we know that kids grow up fast. By the time this measure is in place, most of our kids will be past the age for preschool. But universal preschool would have changed our lives, and that's why we have been working to make it a reality for other families.

Some of us left jobs we loved because we didn't earn enough to pay \$1,200/month for preschool. We relied on relatives and friends to watch our kids so we could work. We put our kids in places we weren't sure were safe because we couldn't afford better. We moved out of beloved neighborhoods because the numbers didn't add up. We went into debt for preschool, or put off saving for retirement or a down payment.

Some of us were lucky. Our kids thrived because we could afford to send them to wonderful preschools. Our careers flourished because we didn't have to worry about where our children spent the day. Our kids got help with special needs because great caregivers spotted their differences early. They did well in school because they were set up for success.

But even when we were lucky, we saw our kids' teachers struggle to stay afloat. We saw caregivers move away and preschools close their doors. We saw friends and family fall behind.

We come from different circumstances, but we all agree: every child in America should have the same chances to play, learn, and thrive, regardless of how much money their family has. Every parent should have choices about how to raise a family. Every preschool worker should earn a living wage for their essential work. Kids, families, and workers deserve better things.

Now we have the opportunity to do something that will change generations of lives. Please join us. Let's make Multhomah County a place where every family can thrive.

Universal Preschool NOW Parent Organizing Committee

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Early Childhood Education is my passion. Ever since I first started working with children, I realized I found my career. The joy of seeing children I have taught grow up, referencing things they loved doing in my class, never ceases to make me smile.

The field of Early Childhood Education has its host of issues: inadequate compensation is only the tip of the iceberg. The high turnover rate in childcare leads to inconsistent classrooms, which makes it more challenging for the children to make authentic connections to their teachers. Additionally, childcare workers are constantly delegitimized as 'glorifled baby-sitters,' which completely misses the critical impact of having a learning environment in the first five years of a child's life.

Due to the low financial resources of the field, so many of the teachers I know (myself included) admit to doing a substantial amount of work off the clock. This includes curriculum planning, or trouble-shooting challenging behavior in a classroom. This work is unpaid, and contributes to the burnout that leads to the high turnover rate in the childcare field—an annual turnover of 25 to 30 percent.

When your bottom-line is the lives of children, the impact of one's work cannot be emphasized enough. Childcare workers deserve adequate time and compensation to plan their curriculum, collaborate with their co-teachers, and give the personal attention needed to make sure that every child in their care is reaching their potential.

Early Childhood Education workers are a vital part of childrens' lives, and we can only be as strong as the institutions that elevate us. We need a liveable wage in order to be our best selves for our children. We need our community to recognize the vital work that we do. We need everyone's support to make this a reality. Please join me and my co-workers in voting YES on 26-214.

Sasha Francis, early childhood education teacher

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OREGON'S LEADING RACIAL JUSTICE ORGANIZATIONS URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-214

The Preschool for All plan will provide preschool for *all* 3- and 4-year-olds in Multnomah County prioritizing investments in children and BIPOC communities, who are most affected by the lack of affordable, high-quality preschool.

The Preschool for All plan was developed with Black, Indigenous, and all people of color (BIPOC) organizations, and leaders in other sectors—education, business, housing, healthcare, community based organizations, parent groups, and philanthropy—who collaborated on a vision for Preschool for All that reflects our local values and priorities.

As a result, the Preschool for All plan priorities kids who have the least access to preschool today including Black and Brown children, children who speak languages other than English, children experiencing poverty, and children with developmental delays and disabilities.

Preschool for All centers the needs of BIPOC children and families by:

- Ensuring that families can choose the preschool program that is best for their family;
- Offering culturally specific and culturally responsive programs;
- Prohibiting suspension and expulsion of preschoolers, practices that dramatically and disproportionately harm Black and brown children;
- Maintaining community oversight and accountability program that includes parents, childcare providers, and community leaders from culturally specific organizations like ours; and
- Closing the educational opportunity gap with age-appropriate preschool programming that ensures kindergarten readiness for all children.

Preschool for All builds up BIPOC businesses and childcare workers by:

- Supporting preschools owned and managed by BIPOC educators;
- Ensuring living wages for preschool educators; and
- Developing a strong and stable workforce through ongoing professional development for preschool educators.

Preschool for All is good for children, good for providers, and good for families. And it is essential for the wellbeing of communities of color.

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Preschool and child care providers across Multnomah County ask you to join us in voting YES for Preschool for All.

Our community needs Measure 26-214 now more than we ever have.

It's never been easy to be a preschool teacher or child care provider. The pay is extremely low. It's hard to stay in business.

It's also the best job we can imagine having.

We educate and nurture children during the most important parts of their lives. We provide peace of mind for working parents who need quality care. We stick out the long hours and low pay because we are called to do this work.

But now, as we struggle to keep our doors open during this pandemic, it is clear that <u>our community</u> <u>must invest in preschool</u> to stabilize the critical care and education programs families rely on.

Measure 26-214 would:

- Provide tuition-free preschool for everyone, including working families who are struggling to make ends meet themselves.
- Allow us to pay ourselves and our staff the living wages we all deserve for this work, so we don't have to leave for other jobs.
- Create more opportunities for training, coaching, education, and support that we need to continue to grow in our profession.
- Build a more sustainable network of providers who care for our community's children—a system better equipped to withstand future economic challenges.

Without this investment, we worry our community will have an even longer recovery from COVID-19 and many preschools may not survive. The economy can't function without us. Families can't thrive without us. Children don't have safe and caring places to learn and grow without us.

Please Join us in voting YES.

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Preschool and Child Care Workers for Universal Preschool Support Measure 26-214 — Preschool for All in Multhomah County!

Preschool and child care workers in Multnomah County strongly support this ballot measure because it would provide the necessary resources that would allow us to ensure high-quality, joyful education to all three- and four-year-olds in Multnomah County. The early years of life are the most critical when it comes to cognitive, emotional, and social development. Experiences and interactions during these pivotal years will inform relationships and decision-making for an individual's entire life.

Support child care workers

Despite the proven positive impact of high-quality preschool education for our youth, preschool teachers work for extremely low wages, with insufficient benefits, and poor working conditions. These circumstances contribute greatly to high turnover and instability within the field. Many of us are living paycheck to paycheck, while we invest our time, care, and energy into raising up the future generations who will one day lead us. We know, firsthand, the lasting impact of the work that we do, in our immediate communities and beyond; however, within the current system, teachers perform this work without the resources needed to make it sustainable.

Build a resilient system

Measure 26-214 will extend the stabilizing resources of K-12 publicly-funded education to teachers working in early childhood education. Children need the stability and consistency created by an education system that supports and benefits their teachers. Additionally, the changes proposed by Measure 26-214 will help sustain a diverse workforce, something which is sorely needed across the education system, and will help to establish an excellent, resilient, universal preschool system for all of our children, families, and workers.

Preschool and childcare workers strongly urge Multhomah County to vote YES on Measure 26-214 — Preschool for All.

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Teachers urge you to vote YES on Measure 26-214

As educators, we work hard to ensure that every child can succeed. But we know that our students have unequal access to resources beginning long before they get to us. Preschool for All will help level the playing field with universal access to high-quality, developmentally and culturally appropriate preschool. That will ensure that more students enter kindergarten ready to learn, not needing to play catch-up.

We also know that education—at all levels, but especially for our youngest learners—is all about relationships. When our preschool colleagues are forced to leave the field in order to earn a living wage, children miss out on the trusting relationships they need to thrive.

We know, too, how hard teaching is and how long it takes to learn to do it well. When low wages and poor working conditions create high turnover among preschool staff, educators miss out on the chance to hone their craft through experience. Preschool For All's guarantee of fair pay and the right to join a union for educators will create a stable, professional workforce that can help all children succeed.

As educators, we are also on the front lines watching so many of our students' families struggle to make ends meet and to provide the best for their children. We recognize the difference that Preschool for All could make in their lives.

Preschool for All is good for:

- Children, who would gain access to developmentally appropriate, culturally relevant early education
- Early childhood educators, who would finally be recognized and compensated as the professionals they are
- Families, who would be better supported in the crucial task of raising children

For all these reasons, Portland Association of Teachers & Parkrose Faculty Association support a YES vote on Preschool for All.

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YES on Measure 26-214: Support for Hardworking Families • Fair Wages for Preschool Teachers

Our unions represent tens of thousands of members across Multhomah County who work in both the public and private sector. We are the teachers, nurses, janitors, bus drivers, social workers, retail clerks, public servants, and other people in service industries that provide the essential services that make our communities work. And we're proud to support Measure **26-214**, **Preschool for All**.

MEASURE 26-214 SUPPORTS HARDWORKING FAMILIES

So many of our members have children. And like most hardworking families, they struggle to cover the high cost of childcare and opportunities like preschool.

Our local economy depends on our early learning system, and those doing the work to care for and educate our children. Without the quality care provided by preschool programs, many parents could not go to work.

Measure 26-214 will provide <u>tuition-free. high-quality preschool for all three- and</u> <u>four-year-olds</u>—including before and after care options for working families.

MEASURE 26-214 SUPPORTS FAIR WAGES

One of the main reasons for high turnover among preschool teachers is low wages, which leads to lower quality education. With higher sataries, we can keep talented teachers in the field, leading to better outcomes for kids.

Our current system just doesn't cut it. For example, the median annual salary for a preschool teacher in Oregon in 2019 was \$32,430 and that of a kindergarten teacher was \$74,700. Their work is very similar, yet the pay difference is stark.

Measure 26-214 guarantees a living wage for early education teachers, similar to that of a kindergarten teacher. And assistant teachers will start at a guaranteed \$18 an hour. <u>The hard</u> working educators and caretakers of our children deserve a living wage.

Join us in supporting Measure 26-214 on November 31

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Business & Philanthropy Leaders say YESI to Preschool for All

As business and philanthropy leaders, we support Measure 26-214 because high-quality preschool is good for kids, families, AND business. It's also one of the best investments a community can make in its future!

Our community needs a stable and capable workforce. The U.S. Chamber reported that 74 percent of working parents said their jobs have been affected by childcare problems.* The COVID-19 pandemic has even more starkly revealed the critical importance of reliable, quality childcare.

Preschool for All has developed a comprehensive plan for growing the number and quality of tuition-free preschool options so all kids have a spot and families have a choice.

What's more, Preschool for All prioritizes kids and families with the least access and promotes racial equity policies championed by BIPOC community leaders. As we work to diversify our workforce and support racial equity, Measure 26-214 offers a significant downpayment on the thriving, diverse, and successful community we want to see.

Universal preschool doesn't just make common sense, it pays huge dividends to the community. Studies show that every dollar a community invests in high quality early education can lead to \$16 back into the local economy.*

Business leaders have been a part of developing Preschool for All from the beginning and we will help ensure it is strong on outcomes and effective use of our tax dollars.

Join us in VOTING YES on Measure 26-214.

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SMALL BUSINESS FOR UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL

As small business owners, we understand that equitable, quality and accessible preschool is essential in helping to sustain and grow our local independent businesses and our community at large.

Financial Stability and Professional Opportunities

Preschool for All will free parents from the agonizing decision so many are forced to make: whether to pay for preschool or give up their employment to care for young children. Preschool for All will give all parents the opportunity to continue investing in their careers, bringing their valuable skills and experience to our small business workforce. Single parents will be provided a pathway to support their families while advancing professional goals.

Economic growth and Increased Customer Base

Preschool for All keeps wage earners in our local economy, allowing parents the means to reinvest in our community as valuable patrons of our small businesses.

Making Small Businesses More Competitive

While large corporations have the ability to offer childcare services as an employee benefit, the current high cost of childcare makes it very difficult for small businesses to offer equal benefits to our employees. Preschool for All will make small businesses more competitive in attracting and retaining the talent that we need.

For all these reasons and more the Small Business Cohort strongly encourages Multinomah County voters to vote YES on Measure 26-214 — Preschool for All.

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Leading Children's and Education Advocates Urge You to Support Preschool for All

When children have the opportunity to attend preschool, they have the opportunity to reach their full potential. Studies show **high-quality preschool helps children develop cognitive skills and character** skills that create a foundation for their lifelong success.

Sadly, for many Multhomah County families, preschool is not an option. Because Oregon has the fourth highest cost of preschool, and State and federally-funded programs only reach 15 percent of children, many families are left behind.

The Preschool for All plan would provide preschool for every three- and four-year old in Multhomah County, prioritizing families with the least access today.

Preschool for All addresses systemic racism. Multhomah County's Black and brown, and indigenous communities—those most impacted by the lack of affordable preschool--have been at the center of developing this proposal from the beginning.

Preschool for All would provide fair wages for preschool teachers and workers, ensuring they are compensated for the value they provide, and reducing costly turnover in the field.

Preschool for All would improve equitable outcomes for everyone in Multhomah County. The plan advances shared community goals and supports the local economy.

Join us in saying yes to building strong children, strong families, and strong communities. Join us in saying YES to Preschool for All and YES on Measure 26-214.

Early Learning Multnomah Parent Accountability Council KairosPDX Portland Children's Museum Children's Institute Alliance for Equity in Montessori Education Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children Portland Public Schools Board Ana Gonzalez Muñoz, Reynolds School Board Yesenia Delgado, Reynolds School Board Sahar Muranovic, David Douglas School Board Andrea Vakterrama, David Douglas School Board LaVerne Lewis, Board Member MHCC Tiffani Penson, PCC Board John Branam, ED, Get Schooled
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VOTE YES on Measure 26-214 — Preschool for All

Free, universal, high-quality preschool:

- Sets kids up for success in high school graduation rates and likelihood of higher education and better jobs
- Decreases Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) scores which are linked to chronic health problems as adults
- Reduces poverty, economic inequality and racial disparities
- Increases access to early learning programs
- Improves the social determinants of health, of which educational attainment and literacy are key components

In Portland we are not the first, nor hopefully the last to recognise how important high quality universal preschool is. New York City, Boston, Washington, DC have all embraced free, universal preschool as a community investment in supporting the emotional and physical health of kids and families. Experts have found that every \$1 spent on universal preschool results in nearly \$10 of community benefit. As school board members we enthusiastically support this vital resource and support for our communities.

According to National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER): "Research tells us that high-quality Universal Pre-K has the potential to both substantially increase access to early learning programs and reduce disparities in foundational academic skills at kindergarten entry."

We can, and we must, do thisi

Join School Board Members for Universal Preschool and Vote YES on Measure 26-214 for stronger communities, more supported educators and healthler children.

Katrina Doughty (she/her) - MESD School Board Ricki Ruiz (he/him) - Reynolds School Board Sahar Muranovic (she/her/they/them) - David Douglas School Board Amanda Orozco-Beach (she/her) - Gresham-Barlow School Board Rita Moore (she/her) - Portland Public School Board Scott Bailey (he/him) - Portland Public School Board

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College Faculty and Graduate Students for Universal Preschool

VOTE YES on 26-214

Free, universal, high-quality preschool:

- Is the single most important investment we can make in our children's futures, Age-appropriate programs give kids the social and emotional tools to do well in school and significantly increase their odds of graduating from high school, attending college and earning higher wages.
- Benefits all children, but particularly reduces racial and income-based opportunity gaps.
- Is critical for the 20% of Oregon college undergraduates who are parents, struggling with a crushing combination of skyrocketing costs for child care, tuition and housing.
- Would be transformative for single mothers in college, dramatically cutting their poverty rates. Now, single mothers in Oregon are only 1/6th as likely to earn an associate or bachelor's degree within six years of enrolling in college, compared to their female classmates without children.
- Is sorely needed by many graduate student and faculty parents, whose low salaries cannot keep pace with the increasingly daunting obstacles of limited and unaffordable preschool and child care, student debt and high housing costs.
- Makes both higher education and college teaching attainable for people from less affluent backgrounds both immediately and in the future, securing a more inclusive environment for our community's children and higher education itself.

Multnomah County voters can make a big difference in the futures of our children, our families, our colleges and our community! Join Higher Ed Unions for Universal Preschool and Vote YES on 26-214

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East Multhomah County's Elected and Community Leaders Are Voting <u>YES</u> for Preschool for All

Parents and employers in the Portland metro area know that affordable, high-quality child care is essential for working families. But all Portland families also know how difficult that care is to find, especially in East Multhomah County.

Preschool for All serves East County communities and families by:

- Increasing the number of high-quality preschool spots for children in East County
- Creating and supporting living-wage jobs in our communities
- Supporting the development and sustainability of employers in the preschool sector

For far too long, East County children and familles have not had the same opportunities as other residents across Multhomah County. But advocates for East County families have been hard at work codeveloping this plan with other leading experts for the past two years. Preschool for All would prioritize children and families with the least access to preschool today, and it will provide preschool for all threeand four-year olds in Multhomah County.

Preschool for All would make sure preschool teachers and workers in our community are paid fairly for their work. By ensuring teachers and staff earn a living wage, our community can retain the best teachers for our children, and nurture positive community relationships that are critical for a child's early development.

Equity and fairness have been at the center of this plan throughout its development. We are proud to support Preschool for All in Multhomah County—a plan that will prioritize communities most affected by the lack of affordable preschool and, in doing so, improve equitable outcomes for all in our community.

We hope you will join us in using your voice and your vote today to say YES to Preschool for All and YES to Measure 26-214.

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Reproductive Healthcare and Rights Advocates Strongly Support Preschool for All

As organizations that work to make sure all families have the rights, recognition and resources they need to thrive, we are writing today to express our support for Preschool for All and urge a YES vote on Measure 26-214.

Reproductive justice affirms the right to decide if and when to have children, as well as the right to parent the children you already have in safe, healthy environments. This includes affordable access to high equality and culturally appropriate preschool, but the Portland area is falling behind other communities in preschool affordability and access.

In Multnomah County:

- We have the fourth most expensive child care in the United States
- Only 15% of the limited preschool slots that exist are publicly funded
- Preschool teachers make half of the median kindergarten teacher salary
- There is a severe shortage of preschool facilities and qualified teachers

In the middle of a global pandemic that has shattered our child care industry and preschool programs, Preschool for All is a thoughtful local plan for high-quality, tuition-free preschool that was developed with providers and families of color, and with a commitment to racial justice that prioritizes Black and Brown children and providers.

That's why Preschool for All is supported by:

APANO

Family Forward Oregon Forward Together NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon Oregon NOW (National Organization for Women) Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon

When our families have access to quality, affordable preschool, we see improved outcomes for parents and kids. And when families are supported, our communities thrive.

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Nonprofit and community-based organizations of Multhomah County support Preschool for All!

Community-based and nonprofit workers are aspirational by definition. We engage in our work because we believe a better future is possible.

Our organizations' immediate goals—affordable housing, racial equity, food access, environmental protection, and reproductive health, to name a few—may seem distinct. However, these issues are intimately intertwined. The intersectionality of our work means we must collaborate to achieve lasting systemic change.

Our vision of a more just society is impossible without universal access to education. Today, lowincome families often cannot afford childcare. High preschool tuition limits families' ability to secure housing, seek economic opportunity, and raise healthy children. Underpaid preschool workers struggle to pay bills and are forced out of the sector to support themselves. For communities of color and Immigrant communities, culturally-specific programming is scarce.

Preschool for All is a giant step toward a more equitable future for all Multnomah County residents.

Universal preschool will help Multhomah County achieve core social justice goals:

RACIAL JUSTICE

- Communities of color will have prioritized access to tuition-free preschool.
- Childcare workers, who are disproportionately women of color, will make a living wage.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

- Preschool and childcare workers will be paid fairly with regular cost-of-living adjustments.
- Low-income and working-class families will have tuition-free preschool and childcare.
- Only Multhomah County's wealthiest households will be taxed.

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

All parents will have access to free, high-quality childcare for their children.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

- Culturally specific preschool programs will allow diverse communities to thrive.
- Classrooms will be open to all children, resulting in more diversity and better outcomes for all kids.

<u>Support the long-term social justice goals of Multnomah County's nonprofits and community-based</u> organizations: Vote YES on Measure 26-2141

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Local Elected Leaders Urge a YES vote on Measure 26-214

When children and families thrive, our entire community thrives. That's why we're supporting Measure 26-214—Preschool for All.

PRESCHOOL FOR ALL is a thoughtful, equitable plan for a universal and lasting, high-quality, tuition-free preschool system in Multnomah County for all three- and four-year-olds.

PRESCHOOL FOR ALL prioritizes families with the least access today, ensures that children can learn and grow and families have options, and makes sure all preschool teachers are paid a living wage.

PRESCHOOL FOR ALL will give every child in Multhomah County the opportunity to start kindergarten ready to learn, grow, and be successful.

Please join us in saying YES to PRESCHOOL FOR ALL by November 3!

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Physicians for Universal Preschool VOTE YES on Measure 26-214

Free, universal, high-quality preschool:

Reduces inequality and racial disparities Promotes population health and greater health equity Improves outcomes in education, literacy, and nutrition Raises high school graduation rates and college participation Leads to better jobs

- Decreases Adverse Childhood Experiences, which cause toxic stress and are linked to chronic health problems as adults
- Promotes early detection and treatment of developmental delays, chronic health conditions (e.g. asthma), learning disabilities, and sensory problems (e.g. vision/hearing), thereby improving learning and health

Other areas — New York City, Boston, Washington, DC — have embraced Free, Universal, High-Quality Preschool as a **community investment** in supporting the emotional and physical health of kids and families. Every \$1 spent on Universal Preschool results in nearly \$10 of community benefit.

New York Times columnist and Oregonian Nick Kristof writes in *Tightrope — Americans Reaching for Hope* (2020) that the #1 strategy to reduce childhood poverty, a critical social determinant of poor health, is **high-quality, early childhood programs**.

We can, and we must, do this! Join Physicians for Universal Preschool and Vote YES on Measure 26-214 for stronger communities and healthier children.

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Public Health Professionals for Universal Preschool

VOTE YES on Measure 26-214 — Preschool for All

"High-quality early childhood preschool education is pivotal for a child's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development... a voluntary, universal, affordable, high-quality preschool program will bring short- and long-term benefits to all children, their families, and society." -- Policy Statement on Early Childhood Education, American Public Health Association, 2017

Universal preschool advances health equity in communities.

Age-based universal programs (like Medicare for over 65-year olds and Early Intervention for 0-3-year olds) are well-funded with few administrative barriers and ensure that no family falls through the cracks.

Children who attend high-quality preschool are:

More likely to graduate from high school and attend college Less likely to struggle with chronic disease and addiction as adults Less likely to grow up in poverty and face economic inequality and racial disparities.

Fair wages for educators reduces poverty and income inequality across racial/ethnic, socioeconomic, and gender gradients.

The preschool workforce is mostly female-identified people and disproportionately womxn of color. Fair wages for preschool educators helps them build assets and remain in the field, enhancing children's learning and the program's effectiveness over time. Parents of participating children have better job opportunities and more wages as a result of the program.

NYC, DC, Chicago, and Boston have already implemented free universal preschool. By developing children's social, emotional, and physical health, as well as the financial wellbeing of families and educators, the social determinants of health across entire communities are uplifted. It's no wonder that economists have found that every \$1 spent on universal preschool results in nearly \$10 of community benefit.

Join Public Health Professionals for Universal Preschool and Vote YES on Measure 26-214 for healthier children, stronger families, and connected communities.

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Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education Providers Endorse Measure 26-214 — Preschool for All

As providers of special education services for children from birth to 5 years, we know how critical high-quality preschool is for all children and especially for children with disabilities.

Benefits for children with disabilities

The preschool years are a critical time for learning and development, especially for children with disabilities. The social emotional and communication skills that are critical for long-term school and life success are taught in preschool. Early social-emotional skills are linked with a wide array of positive adult outcomes including positive mental health, interpersonal relationships, educational attainment, and physical health in later life. The benefits are even greater for children with delays in social-emotional and communication skill development associated with early socioeconomic disadvantage.

It is critically important that young children attend preschools with children of all abilities, races, ethnic groups and income levels. Universal preschool for all children in Multhomah County would make this possible.

Difficulties families face

Families of children with disabilities are disproportionately affected by a lack of high-quality, affordable preschool. They face a lack of available slots, scheduling challenges, and concerns about quality. And compared with parents of nondisabled children, parents of young children with disabilities are three times more likely to experience job disruptions because of problems with child care.

The families we serve often struggle to find quality, affordable preschool and childcare. Many parents of children with disabilities find the cost of preschool prohibitive. These children miss out on the enrichment that high-quality preschool provides.

Free, universal, high-quality preschool would be a "game-changer".

We believe

All children deserve a quality early education. All teachers deserve fair wages. All parents deserve a world that supports families.

Please Vote YES on 26-214

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Alliance for Democracy, Portland says Vote Yes for Universal Preschool

Our mission is to create true democracy, to end corporate domination of politics, economics and media and to build a just & sustainable society for nature and all people.

We endorse the Preschool for All measure as a strong step along the path to a "just & sustainable society."

The measure creates funding for universal preschool for all children living in Multnomah County. The funds would go to existing providers, thus creating stable funding for these businesses. These programs will be free to any family living in the county with children aged 3 & 4 years old, regardless of income.

The measure mandates a living wage, employment protections and a path to training and credentialing for the childcare workers.

The measure does not create a preschool program run by Multnomah County, nor mandate that children attend preschool. It does not prevent children from attending a preschool that their family chooses to pay for, instead of one funded via this measure.

Decades of research show that universal preschool creates stronger brains, good learning habits, good social skills, intellectual curiosity, achievement and personal confidence.

Our society preaches the value of a good education as a way out of poverty and into a life of accomplishment, but we make this as difficult & expensive as possible. We act as if we do not need well-educated, confident & happy people in our society. This measure helps make education affordable for everyone.

Our society suffers from an egregious level of income inequality. People of color & women have long earned less money and had fewer workplace protections that most middle-to-upper class white men. This measure tackles this problem in the short-term by mandating a living wage & workplace protections for childcare workers, and in the long-term by making early childhood education available to all kids.

We believe that when a society supports its people, it is better.

Vote Yes on Measure 26-214

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Economists for Universal Preschool

VOTE YES on 26-214!

Economic research clearly shows that universal, high-quality preschool programs:

- Return nearly \$10 for every \$1 spent, a powerful economic development investment.
- Reduce poverty, economic inequality and racial disparities
- Benefit all children, with the largest gains for children from lower-income families and historically marginalized communities, who can least afford high quality preschool.
- Mandate living wages for preschool staff, to reduce high turnover rates that harm quality.
- Create a more skilled, local labor force, attracting businesses and raising wages for everyone.
- Prepare children to thrive in kindergarten and elementary school, by building social and emotional skills.
- Raise high school graduation rates, earnings and college attendance of children who participate.
- Help parents to work more hours or gain additional education or training.
- Are a "public good," only efficiently provided by the public sector, because gains are diffused throughout the community in higher earnings, better health, higher tax revenues, higher property values and lower spending for special education, public assistance and criminal justice.
- Motivate community support to maintain funding levels, unlike targeted programs, including Head Start.

- Allow the early diagnosis of hearing, vision and health issues that impede children's learning.
- Are cost-effective, since all children gain and children from less advantaged families gain the most, and gain more than in programs targeting only children from families with low incomes.

Multnomah County can create an excellent, universal preschool program, available for free to all three and 4 year-olds whose families would like to enroll them.

Multnomah County Economists for Universal Preschool urge you to Vote YES on 26-214 for the future of our children, families and community

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The League of Women Voters of Portland Urges a "YES" Vote on Measure 26-214.

The League believes government has the responsibility to provide an equitable, quality public education for all children from preschool through grade 12. A quality public education is essential for a strong, viable, and sustainable democratic society and is a civil right.

Multnomah County Preschool for All will provide access to free universal yearround pre-kindergarten programs up to six hours a day for all three- and four-yearolds by 2030.

Free Universal Preschool is good for children.

- Program offerings will include a variety of options, including full-day or partday, home-based or center-based, culturally specific and culturally responsive, and alternative approaches to learning. Parents can choose the best fit for their child.
- Research shows that children who participated in preschool programs are better prepared to start kindergarten, more likely to graduate from high school, and less likely to become involved in the justice system.

Free Universal Preschool Is good for families.

- Multnomah County families pay over \$1,000 per month to enroll a child in full-day preschool. Families will experience significant savings from Preschool for All and can instead use their income for other necessities like food, housing, and medical care.
- The measure will address inequities in the current system by making sure free preschool is available first to those families who have historically experienced barriers.

Free Universal Preschool is good for the economy.

- The Preschool for All measure guarantees a living wage for teachers and staff, enabling them to support their families and their local economy.
- Working parents—particularly working moms—whose children are enrolled in quality preschool programs will be better able to focus on their jobs and make long-term career commitments knowing they have reliable childcare.

The League of Women Votes of Portland recommends a "YES" vote on M 26-214 for Children, Families, and the Economy.

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Portland DSA Says Vote YES on Measure 26-214

Members of Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) share a simple belief: meeting the basic needs of all people is more important than enabling a few to amass unlimited wealth.

Sadly, we have a long way to go in honoring that principle. Over 12% of state residents live in poverty, a percentage unchanged for **25 years.** We don't need statistics to tell us something's wrong — our hearts do when we walk down streets lined with both luxury condos and tents.

The failure to care for our youngest is equally obvious to parents of preschool-age children. Tuition for one child can cost as much as rent, and childcare workers are paid wages so low that it's impossible to enroll their own children at the centers where they work.

Good News: The Money is Here!

It may not feel like it, but Multnomah County is richer than ever, with over 1,500 households with incomes above one million dollars per year. Even during the pandemic, the stock market has continued to reach record highs. Federal tax cuts have left even more wealth in the hands of the few, but we don't have to wait another 25 years to see if any trickles down to the rest of us. A very small tax increase on only the wealthiest is all we need to make preschool tuition-free for all families and pay childcare workers a living wage.

We Can Create the Kind of Community We Want

For over three years, community members have worked with DSA to figure out how we can address these unmet needs. The idea of universal preschool spread like wildfire, and over 600 volunteers turned in over 32,000 signatures to get it on the ballot. Join the Portland chapter of DSA in this life-changing win for children, parents, and workers by voting <u>YES on Measure 26-214</u>, then ask yourself, what should we fix next?

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Oregon Working Families Party for Measure 26-214 — Preschool for All

The Oregon Working Families Party says VOTE YES on Preschool for All for all 3- and 4 year-olds in Multnomah County, phased in over no more than 10 years.

Publicly funded preschool

One of Oregon Working Families Party's core goals is to **improve public schools**, from preschool to high school. But public preschool in the United States is limited to a few small, underfunded, means-tested programs that leave most eligible families out.

This measure creates free, publicly funded preschool in Multnomah County for every kid. This program is essential to help our children enter kindergarten ready to learn and to get the most out of their education all the way through bigh school and beyond.

Support fair wages for child care workers

Child care workers — overwhelmingly women and disproportionately women of color — are **undervalued and woefully underpaid**, with a national average wage of just \$11 an hour.

This work is essential, but the skilled, dedicated people who educate our youngest children aren't paid enough to stay in the classroom. They have to leave to support themselves and their own families. Low teacher retention harms kids and undermines preschool quality.

Funded by the highest incomes

Universal preschool in Multnomah County will be **paid for with a marginal tax on the highest incomes**. These are the very people who can most easily afford it, since the rich and the politicians who serve them have rigged the system to benefit themselves for too long!

Please join us and **VOTE YES on 26-214** to give our kids, their families, and their teachers a fighting chance — the whole community will benefit.

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SUNRISE MOVEMENT PDX SUPPORTS PRESCHOOL FOR ALL Demand the Future We Need!

The Sunrise Movement is a grassroots youth movement to stop climate change and create millions of new jobs in the process. We are the first generation to grow up witnessing environmental devastation and human suffering caused by climate change, but we will not be the last. We are called to action not only because of the immeasurable crists we are facing, but of the beautiful, compassionate, dignified world we have the ability to create through the Green New Deal.

Our vision for the future includes free education for all people, especially frontline and vulnerable groups who have historically been denied it. Our vision for the future includes millions of jobs across sectors--jobs that pay family-supporting wages, are open to anyone, guarantee the freedom to organize, and promote an economy of care. Our vision for the future is led by people from the communities who have been most harmed by colonization and systemic oppression.

The Preschool for All measure is our vision of the future, right here and now. It is an implementation of Green New Deal Policy at the local level, promoting justice and equity for children, parents, and workers here in Multromah County. Preschool for All will change lives while providing a model for economic growth that is rooted dignity and care. It is something to be truly joyful about.

Please Join Sunrise Movement PDX by Voting YES on Measure 26-214

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Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument

Important: Read all instructions before completing this form.
Use this form when filing a 'JCVP-03 Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument' with your County Elections office. Please note that each county produces a separate County Voters' Pamphlet. If the jurisdiction/district is located in more than one county, a separate JCVP-03 form must be filed with the appropriate fee or 'JCVP-04 certified petition' to each county where the 'Measure Argument' is to be printed.
Filing Information
Election Date: November 3, 2020
🔀 Argument in Favor 🔲 Argument in Opposition
Measure # 26-214 Order # 30
"This Information furnished by" (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet) Name of person required ORS 251.355(2)
Name of person: (required) Robyn Gottileb Organization Name: (if applicable) Universal Preschool NOW
Argument paid for or petition provided by:
Universal Preschool NOW Email: upnowmultco@gmail.com
Name of person/organization paying or submitting petition for 'Measure Argument'
Phone: Cell: 503.806.9298 Work: Home:
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By signing this document, I (we) hereby state I (we) am (are) responsible for the content of this argument, (ORS 261.416)
Organization name person(s) is (are) authorized to represent, if applicable: Universal Preschool NOW
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BerniePDX For Preschool for All — Measure 26-214

Carry on the political revolution

Bernie said "Not Me, Us" — and it's up to us to carry on the political revolution. Here in Multhomah County, we can vote for one key piece of the Bernie platform — free preschool for all kids and a fair wage for all preschool workers.

Means testing isn't enough

As Bernie's "Free Child Care and Pre-K for All" statement says, "Our means-tested system has created racially and economically segregated child care and pre-k in this country."

While means-tested federal programs exist, they leave out the vast majority of eligible lowincome and middle-class families. Children of color, especially, face the significant, long-term negative effects of early childhood poverty.

Stop punishing care workers

Child care is essential work — no job is more important than taking care of our children. But child care workers, who are 96 percent women and disproportionately women of color, are paid starvation wages in this country.

Even as child care costs for parents skyrocket, child care workers nationally make an average of just \$11 per hour. That isn't enough to live on, and certainly isn't enough to properly value the work of caring for, nurturing, and educating young children.

Vote YES on 26-214

Please join BerniePDX in voting **YES on Preschool for All** in Multhomah County. Our kids, families, and child care workers deserve nothing less than universal preschool for all 3- and 4-year-olds, phased in over no more than 10 years.