



A Campaign Update from Liz LaRose

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You did it! You helped us raise \$11,542 for Monadnock Region Kids! Thank you to all who participated in the Start Small, Think Big campaign and to our generous match donors: John and Nancy Hann, Peter and Bridget Hansel, Dick and Kristen Hill, Jeff Miller and Carol MacKinnon, Tony and Barbara Tremblay, and Katie Schwerin and Bill Whyte.

Your gifts will be invested in MUW's **Impact Monadnock** signature early childhood initiative!

Dear Friend of MUW,

The future of child care is getting a lot of attention these days, as is the idea of universal pre-k. If the American Families Act passes, all children ages three and four will get high-quality child care in the form of preschool.

How might this impact our region? Let's consider a great example from Boston.



In the 1990s, Boston instituted a lottery system for preschool spots at public schools to randomly selected four-year-olds. Fast forward to today when a group of researchers decided to study these children. The fact that Boston's school administrators randomized who got admitted meant there were two virtually identical groups of kids with only one difference: one group got an extra year of education by going to preschool.

The result was astonishing.

The **researchers found** that the children who attended preschool were less likely to get suspended, skip school, and get into trouble. More importantly, they were more likely than their peers to graduate high school and attend college.

This isn't the only study to determine the effect preschool has on kids later in life.

James Heckman has spent many years studying the results of small, randomized experiments with preschool in the 1960s and 1970s. The most famous such experiment was **The Perry Preschool Project** which was conducted in Ypsilanti, Michigan. The results of that project were much like what happened in Boston: kids who attended preschool were less likely to get arrested, go on welfare, or be unemployed. In fact, he found that the children earned more than their peers did.

All in all, Heckman and his team estimate that every dollar the Perry Preschool Project invested in kids had a return on investment of 7-10 percent per year, through increased

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economic gains for the kids and decreased public spending on them through other social programs when they got older.

Dottie Bauer, Impact Monadnock Leadership Consultant said,

“Universal Pre-K would provide ALL Monadnock Region children with a quality early education experience where they could develop social and emotional skills, learn to be part of a group, and develop a love of learning in the school setting. Research has demonstrated for decades that investing in quality early childhood education results in improved outcomes for children, both in the short run and over the long term.”

There are many unknowns as to how universal pre-k will be implemented if it is passed. But the evidence clearly shows that, as a concept, investing in high quality early childhood experiences is best for our kids and the future of our communities.

Sincerely,

Liz LaRose, President

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