Overview: Statewide Full-Day Universal Prekindergarten Program

Funding: The SFY 2014-15 Enacted Budget includes $340m that must be distributed through thru a competitive bid process.

- $300 Million to New York City
- $ 40 Million to Rest of State

Programs will receive $10,000 per pupil enrolled in programs where the teacher of record holds a teaching certificate or $7,000 per pupil enrolled in programs where the teacher of record does not hold a teaching certificate.

Applications: School districts must submit a consolidated application, which includes programs offered by schools, non-profit organizations, community-based organizations, charter schools, libraries and/or museums. Non-profit organizations, community-based organizations, charter schools, libraries and/or museums may apply individually if the provider has been denied for inclusion in the school district's consolidated application.

Program hours: Eligible programs must provide at least five hours of instruction time a day for the full 2014-15 school year.

Program Requirements: All programs must comply with the same rules and requirements as UPK programs.

Staff Qualifications: All teachers in this new program must meet the same teacher certification standards applicable to public schools.

- A NYS Early Childhood Teacher (Birth – Grade 2 or P - 6) Certificate; a NYS Students with Disabilities (Birth – Grade 2) Certificate
- Prekindergarten teachers employed by the other eligible entities must have a bachelor's degree in early childhood education or a related field and must have a written plan to obtain certification valid for service in the early childhood grades within three years
- Prekindergarten teachers employed by charter schools under this program will be included in the teaching staff of a charter school for purposes of the limitations on the employment of uncertified teachers

Important Dates:

June 13, 2014	Q and A will be posted to SED website
June 16, 2014	Mandatory Notice of Intent to Apply is due to mailbox nysufdpk@mail.nysed.gov
July 7, 2014	Applications are due to NYSED by 3:00pm