

# My Turn

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According to Patte Barth, director of the National School Boards Association's Center for Public Education, "High-quality prekindergarten" made a Top 10 list of reasons why our nation's public school systems have value and are not failing, despite what you may hear from others in the news media.



She writes, "No educational investment pays off more than the making sure children are ready for school when they walk through the kindergarten door. States have been more active in ensuring the programs attend to children's educational preparation as well as their social and emotional development."

We already knew that here.

Everyday our preschool offers families an opportunity to give their children a competitive advantage in a safe learning environment, while allowing students in our Early Childhood Education program a real-world experience in a valuable, rewarding career.

With that in mind, I wish to thank our preschool staff and the families that entrust their children with us.

Our public education system is not perfect, and it never will be. But our universal system precludes no one from the opportunity to receive valuable education and then use the knowledge and skills gained to improve their lives.

