



**This year, David Douglas School District in East Portland is able to offer publicly funded preschool at every elementary school building! This huge win for families is the result of many great partnerships and a true commitment to early learning. PFA is so glad to be a part of it.**

**To celebrate and help the good work spread, here's a statement from Superintendent Ken Richardson:**

David Douglas School District has a long tradition of providing early education opportunities within our school district. Now, thanks to the investment from our community through grants like Preschool for All, we're proud to have preschool classrooms in all of our elementary schools.

Early Learning will continue to be a priority in our school district to ensure our youngest learners are equipped with a foundation in academics, social-emotional skills, and relationships to begin their educational career.

With Preschool for All, our youngest learners will have the opportunity to learn and interact with their peers from different cultural and linguistic backgrounds, helping them build strong relationships and become better prepared for Kindergarten. Our school staff and families will have the opportunity to partner and collaborate, ultimately fostering inclusive and safe learning environments for all students.

Investing in Early Education in our community should not be an option but rather a necessity to ensure every child receives an equal opportunity to start their educational journey. We, David Douglas, are fortunate to offer preschool throughout our district, but we recognize that some families may still need this opportunity, and we are eager to expand early learning in the future.

By investing in Early Education, we are investing in the future well-being of students and our community. Let's work together to ensure every child can access this fundamental foundation for lifelong learning.