May 16, 2019 Parent Call Notes

National Update
US House Appropriations Committee passed a bill that would increase the Head Start budget by $1.5 billion and would include funding for trauma-informed care, cost of living increase, expansion funding for Early Head Start and Child Care partnerships, as well as reinstating the Tribal Colleges and Universities Head Start Partnership Program. For more information, see this [NHSA press release](#). This bill will still have to go through the Senate and finally to the President so we still need parents to make phone calls and write letters. To get US legislators’ contact information go to their websites, House of Representatives and Senate, and enter your information. You can also call (717-508-4681) or email me (michelle@paheadstart.org) with any questions or if you need help.

State Update
We are still hopeful that a state budget will be passed on time this year. The Senate and House won’t reconvene in Harrisburg until 6/3 so now would be a good time to make visits or phone calls in your district to ask for support for the governor’s budget proposal. For contact info and district office locations, go to the General Assembly website and click on Find Your Legislator on the sidebar. Let me know if you have any questions or need help with anything.

Advocacy Activities
We are asking for parents and policy council members to sign up to support the Pre-K for PA campaign. As part of the campaign we advocate for funding for Head Start Supplemental funds as well as Pre-K Counts funding. Signing up for the campaign will allow you to get updates on these issues and stay informed on how you can help. I have resources that explain more about the campaign that I can make available to anyone who needs them. To get sign up information, I have a spreadsheet that can be used (but has limited space if printing out before filling out) or a signup card. Both options will need to be scanned/ emailed to me to be input in the campaign system.

I can email these to anyone who would like to use them. They can be used during community events, parent meetings, enrollments, etc.

Next call will be 6/20/19 at 9:30AM.

Thank you,
Michelle Smith