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## Farmingdale School District Awarded 360k Grant to Expand Universal Pre-K

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(Farmingdale, NY) — Farmingdale Union Free School District has been awarded a \$360,000 Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) Expansion Grant from the New York State Education Department (NYSED) to increase prekindergarten availability for four-year-old students. The Department awarded these competitive grants based on a district's plan to serve a community's highest need schools and students, the level of existing prekindergarten services, and the extent to which a district planned to maximize the total number of eligible

four-year-old children served in its programs, among other factors. These funds may be used during the 2021-22 or 2022-23 school years.

Senator Kevin Thomas, who supported the District's application for the grant, said, "Universal Pre-K is a proven strategy for putting children on a path to success in school and beyond. This UPK Expansion Grant will give more Farmingdale students the opportunity to access high-quality pre-kindergarten programs that will provide the foundation to help them thrive in school."

View the list of school districts across New York State who will be receiving the grants at [NYSED.gov](https://www.nysed.gov).

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