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Official Statement on Full Day Kindergarten
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As the largest United Way in New Hampshire, dedicated to students learning at all levels, Granite United Way supports early, comprehensive and sustained pre-primary education.

Data consistently shows the positive outcomes that full day Kindergarten programs have for both students and teachers when compared with their half day peers. These include: increased academic gains in reading and math, stronger teacher-student relationships, and earlier identification of learning challenges. These outcomes are especially important for children in low-to-moderate income households, who are most at risk for falling behind and remaining behind academically. Full-day Kindergarten would provide New Hampshire children equal opportunity for lifelong benefits in employment, income, and healthy behaviors.

Granite United Way focuses on three impact areas for its investment decisions: Education, Financial Stability and Health. The outcomes of full day Kindergarten fall in line with Granite United Way’s focus areas.

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