



# Press Release

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## ECECD Cabinet Secretary Elizabeth Groginsky to brief press on historic PreK expansion

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – On Tuesday, April 4 at 1pm, Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD) Cabinet Secretary Elizabeth Groginsky will provide an overview of the upcoming expansion of the New Mexico PreK program in FY24. The FY24 budget passed by the New Mexico State Legislature includes nearly \$100 million for New Mexico PreK, which is projected to expand the program by 40 percent, adding thousands of new PreK slots in the coming year. This will constitute the largest expansion of the New Mexico PreK program in state history, bringing NM PreK to more communities, more children, more days of the year, and more hours of the day.

“This is a historic opportunity to enhance and expand early care and education in New Mexico, laying a strong foundation for lifelong growth, development and learning for the rising generation of young children in our state,” said ECECD Cabinet Secretary Elizabeth Groginsky. “This constitutes a major step towards achieving Governor Lujan Grisham’s goal of universal, high-quality PreK in New Mexico. We look forward to working with school districts, community-based providers, Bureau of Indian Education, and Head Start to ensure that this expansion is equitable, coordinated, and cultivates a strong mixed-delivery system that honors and respects the diverse needs of families in New Mexico.”

**WHAT:** Press briefing on historic expansion of New Mexico PreK in FY24

**WHO:** ECECD Cabinet Secretary Elizabeth Groginsky

**WHEN:** April 4, 2023 – 1 p.m.

**WHERE:**

New Mexico Developmental Disabilities Council, Conference Room

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