WHY? ... is Pre-K Attendance So Important?

FACT
Students with lower pre-K attendance have lower kindergarten readiness scores on all subtests.

FACT
10% absence is the tipping point for a typical school year, that's less than 20 days missed (excused or unexcused).

FACT
Students with multiple years of chronic absenteeism puts them at risk of needing academic intervention before 3rd grade.

Source for all facts: Attendance Works

PRE-K EVERY DAY! Get more info at paterson-education.org/pre-k-every-day/
Many Paterson parents reported that their child missed pre-K because of morning routines or the weather was bad. If this is a struggle in your home, look around to your support network and see whom you can ask to help.

Sometimes parents can’t get a child in on their own.

It takes a village to raise a child...

Who’s in your village?
If I can’t bring my child to pre-K, I will ask: (name and phone)

______________________________

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Make sure these people are also on the pick up list with your pre-K!

I plan to take my child to pre-K using:

☐ Bus/Transit
☐ Car
☐ Walking route:

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What do you want your routine to look like?
(Most programs close their doors at 9:30am)

My child has to be at pre-K by: ______________

To get to pre-K, we take ____________________
and it takes ________ minutes to get there.

We need to leave by: ______________

Tips to make mornings easier:
1. Make sure all children are in bed by 8pm every night. This ensures they will have enough sleep every day.
2. Lay out clothes the night before so you don’t have to spend time looking for socks in the morning.
3. Set alarms on your phone to remind you when you should be getting ready to leave the house.
4. Make sure you have at least 2 people on your list to reach out to in case another child or you are sick, and cannot take your child to pre-K.

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