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## **CCM applauds Senate and House leadership for providing towns with another option to provide pre-k education**

The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) today (Wednesday, April 23, 2014) applauded the leadership of the Senate and House for its proposal to provide towns and cities another option to provide communities with critical pre-k education.

"This proposal is a tactful counterpart to the one proposed by the Governor to ensure access to critical state aid to either establish new, or enhance existing, local pre-k education" stated Ron Thomas, Director of Public Policy and Advocacy for CCM. "Children remain Connecticut's most precious commodity -- as such, an initiative to enable our hometowns additional voluntary means of improving the delivery of local education is a welcomed, positive step forward" added Thomas.

CCM recommends that it be permissible to match up with current school construction grants for pre-schools due to some towns that currently do not have available facility space as a result of transitioning to all-day Kindergarten.

As the statewide association of towns and cities, CCM announced its commitment this week to work with legislative leaders and the Governor in the remaining weeks of session and beyond -- to ensure municipal needs are met, and that the local-state partnership in delivering and funding local pre-k education is strengthened.