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REP. RILEY WELCOMES \$150,000 AWARD TO NORWICH FOR CREATION OF ADDITIONAL PRESCHOOL SLOTS

Norwich Is One Of Fourteen Communities Receiving Smart Start Funding

State Representative Emmett Riley (D-Norwich) is pleased Norwich will receive \$150,000 in state funding that will enable the expansion of high-quality preschool to 15 additional children .

The award for Norwich was included in an announcement Monday by Governor Dannel P. Malloy that over \$3.5 million in state funding is being awarded to fourteen Connecticut cities and towns.

The funds for the program come under the state's Smart Start initiative.

“The \$150,000 award announced by the Governor for Norwich is certainly welcomed,” Rep. Riley said. “Expanding high-quality preschool is critically important for our children so that they can improve the skills they will need in the future.”

The Governor announced a total of \$1,587,055 for capital improvements will be considered at an upcoming meeting of the State Bond Commission, in addition to \$2,088,350 for operational expenses from the Tobacco Settlement fund.

The Norwich award will come from \$75,000 in Capital Improvement Funding and \$75,000 from the Tobacco Settlement Fund.