

Early education is vital

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OPINION

It is unacceptable that too many Michigan high school graduates today lack the proficiency in math, science and reading to get a good job or get into college. We have to do better to prepare our young people to succeed.

One way is by ensuring that Michigan's youngest citizens have access to high quality early childhood education and care. When the largest human development takes place prenatally to age five, this is the best time to make a difference in an individual's ability later on in life. The research from the business leader organization,

America's Edge, shows that kids with high-quality preschool are more likely to graduate on schedule and have higher paying jobs than those who did not have early education.

Investing in early childhood education and care is a prudent course of action to ensure our kids have the skill set to excel in college and work. Let us capture that opportunity.

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