



NC Court of Appeals ruling on Judge Howard Manning's ruling:

On Tuesday an NC Court of Appeals unanimously upheld Judge Howard Manning's ruling that the state cannot deny children who are at-risk admission to public pre-kindergarten programs. Our understanding is that legislative leaders have expressed an intention to appeal the decision to the NC Supreme Court.

Governor Perdue released the following statement:

“Our children’s ability to find a job later in life is tied directly to their educational opportunities, and quality pre-kindergarten programs lay the foundation for academic success. North Carolina has been a national leader in early childhood education, and I’ve fought against efforts in recent years to back away from that commitment. Today’s unanimous decision provides both a boost for struggling families and hope for every child across our state. We need to come together on a bipartisan basis and recommit ourselves to early childhood education.”

The link to the Court of Appeals ruling can be found here:

<http://appellate.nccourts.org/opinions/?c=2&pdf=MjAxMi8xMS0xNTQ1LTEucGRm>