

A young boy in a black suit, red helmet, and goggles is riding a skateboard on a paved road. He has a large, brown, boxy backpack on his back. The background is a blurred landscape under a warm, golden light.

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*Advancing our students,
advancing our workforce,
advancing our region.*

Dayton's future...we're going places.

The Vision

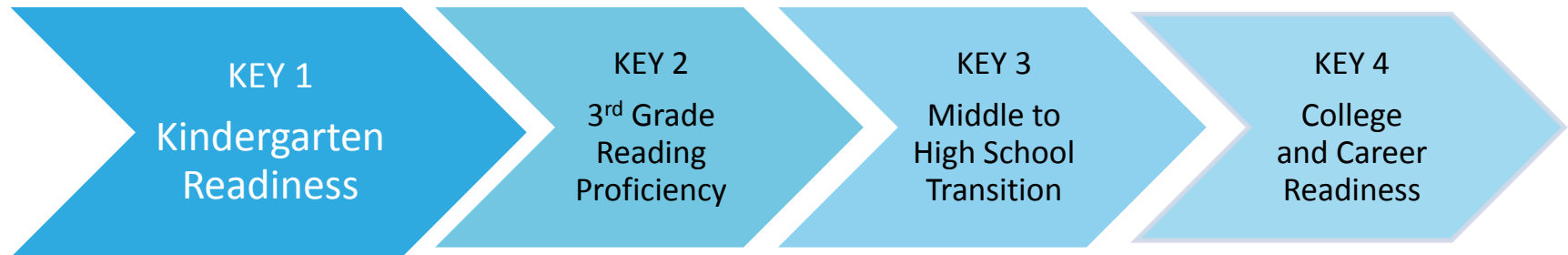
- Every child in Montgomery County is ready to learn when entering kindergarten
- Every 3rd grader is reading proficient

Rationale for the Vision

“Study after study shows that the sooner a child begins learning, the better he or she does down the road. But today, fewer than 3 in 10 four year-olds are enrolled in a high-quality preschool program. Most middle-class parents can’t afford a few hundred bucks a week for private preschool. And for poor kids who need help the most, this lack of access to preschool education can shadow them for the rest of their lives...In states that make it a priority to educate our youngest children, like Georgia or Oklahoma, studies show students grow up more likely to read and do math at grade level, graduate high school, hold a job, and form more stable families of their own.”

– President Barack Obama

Learn to Earn Dayton Pathway Keys to Success



Montgomery County Goal to Achieve the Vision

**Montgomery County needs to make a
Preschool Promise to every early learner:**

*We will provide early learning for every
4 and 5 year old who comes from a family
of up to 200 % of poverty, with a sliding scale
of support for those with middle incomes.*

Goal: Every Young Learner Kindergarten Ready

- **Key Fact 1:** For the children MOST in need there is a statistically significant *learning impact* of attending center-based preschool/child care at age 4.
- **Key Fact 2:** Four year old preschool attendance makes the biggest impact on KRA-L scores...and the higher the preschool quality, the more the impact.
- **Key Fact 3:** Kindergarten readiness is highly correlated with 3rd grade reading proficiency.

Is Montgomery County unique in seeking to provide high quality preschool? NO

- **Cleveland Goal:** Every child participates in quality early learning to ensure he/she is ready for kindergarten.
 - *Indicator: TBD*
- **Washington, DC Goal:** Increase the percentage of children entering kindergarten ready to learn.
 - *Indicator: Percentage of children entering kindergarten meeting expected benchmarks in multiple domains*
- **Cincinnati Goal:** Every child will be prepared for school.
 - *Indicator KRA-L*

Montgomery County Goal

- **Every child ready to learn when entering kindergarten**
 - *Indicator KRA-L Band 3*
 - 2009 36.5%
 - 2010 36.8%
 - 2011 38.3%
- **Why such a high standard?**

Because of Common Core Expectations for College and Career Readiness

Where do we stand and where do we need to be?

Current Status

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| 2011-12 | 38.3% |
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What are our targets?

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| 2015 | 40% |
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| 2020 | 45% |
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The Montgomery County Answer to Achieving the Goal

- **Provide High Quality Early Learning** for every child birth to age 5.
- **Make a Preschool Promise commitment** for every 4 year-old up to 200% of poverty to attend high quality preschool...with possible expansion to middle income children.