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## Milwaukee Educators Host Public Forum on Quality Early Childhood Education

The MTEA is hosting "Early Education Benefits Everyone," a public forum on early childhood education and its long-term impact.

Panelists will share their knowledge and expertise about the academic and economic returns of investing in quality early childhood education. Pending legislation, mandating 5-year-old kindergarten, will also be discussed.

When: Wednesday, March 11, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Where: Hawley Environmental School, 5610 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee

The panelists are:

- **Dawn Calarco**, MPS Kindergarten Teacher
- **Dave Edie**, Early Education Policy Analyst, Wisconsin Council on Children & Families
- **Douglas Udell**, Professor, Milwaukee Area Technical College
- **Senator Spencer Coggs**, Wisconsin State Legislature

"There is indisputable evidence that high quality and age appropriate early childhood education has a lasting positive effect on our children and our society," says Kelly McMahon, K5 teacher at Lancaster Elementary School and Chairperson of the MTEA Legislative Committee. "It's important that we talk about ways to provide early education opportunities to all young people, which is why we are hosting this forum."

Senator Coggs will discuss legislation he has introduced to mandate 5-year-old Kindergarten in Wisconsin.

Members of the MTEA Legislative and Early Childhood Committees planned the event, which is free and open to the public.

The Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association is a labor union representing over 8,500 teachers and other education professionals working in Milwaukee Public Schools. The union's mission is to improve the lives of our members and the students and families we serve.

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