



## LETTERS

### Not so fast on pre-K

It is not surprising that many are denied the opportunity of a prekindergarten education in New York State ["Schools skip chance for free Pre-K," News, June 16]. Most states do not require children to attend kindergarten, but require schools to offer it. New York is one of only eight states that do not require school districts even to offer kindergarten. We should at least make universal kindergarten mandatory by law and then worry about preschool.

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The state should not get involved in using taxpayer funds for prekindergarten programs. These programs should be provided by the private sector so when you need it, you can use it and when you are finished, so are the costs.

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