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STATEMENT OF CAROLYN LYONS, PRESIDENT/CEO, STRATEGIES FOR CHILDREN

“Strategies for Children applauds Boston Mayor Walsh’s commitment to double the enrollment of four year olds in high-quality full-day pre-kindergarten programs by 2018. Mayor Walsh is acting on the evidence that learning begins at birth, and to close the achievement gap we must target resources to early learning. He joins a growing cadre of leaders from communities across Massachusetts and the nation – including Cambridge, Pittsfield, Holyoke, Lowell, Somerville, and Springfield – who are prioritizing the needs of young children and their families. We applaud Mayor Walsh and look forward to working with his Administration and the Legislature to make his commitment a reality."