



## Preschool 4 Success explainer, video link

**Goal:** Give more Minnesota children the opportunity and access to attend preschool.

**Mission:** Each Rotary club in District 5950 will partner with their school district(s) to identify barriers to children being able to attend preschool. Once the barriers are identified, possible solutions will be found. Actions will be taken to eliminate the barriers and get the children in preschool.

**Timetable:** Contact should be made immediately with key school district officials to find out how many children in the district qualify but can afford preschool. The state gives school district limited funds to pay for children to attend if parents can't afford preschool. We are trying to help those families. Many are low income and may be new to country or region. Next step is to ask the school district to form a proposal on ways the club can help. Then the club works with the proposal and looks for additional partners and donations from Rotarians and local companies. Grants are another possible revenue stream.

**What is a signature project:** A big deal for your club. Rotary International has Polio Plus. District 5950 has Preschool 4 Success. The project is a multi-year commitment. The club needs champions to make the project a success. The P4S project will be unique to each club. One size doesn't fit all. Each school district may have unique barriers to getting more children in preschool.

**Help:** Because all clubs are working on this project, all clubs can help each other. What we learn can be shared with all. Solutions can be shared. All funds stay in the club's school district unless the club decides to help other clubs. Multiple clubs in the same district can work together. A district steering committee is being formed for the project.

**Boots on the ground:** Signature project means more than writing a check. Club members should be involved in helping preschool efforts. It could be reading to the children, field trips, helping create classrooms and getting the word out in the community.

**Public Image:** This project is an opportunity to tell your community how Rotary works to service your communities. The project may help to recruit new members and keep current members engaged.

**St. Cloud's P4S:** The Rotary Club of St. Cloud is in the second year of P4S. We had 22 students the first year. **This academic year 96 three- and four-year-old children are in our P4S sections.** We have learned a great deal. We are happy to share how we did the project. Classroom space and transportation can be hurdles.

**Webinar:** This event will be a step-by-step guide to launching P4S for your club in your district. Join us at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 9, via Zoom. **Register here.**

**Video on the project. Click on this link:** <https://f.io/YP0-j4y2>

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