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Statement on Republican Legislative Leaders Fighting Pre-K Order

RALEIGH – Statement by Chris Mackey, press secretary to Gov. Perdue:

“The Republican leadership in the legislature is trying to slam the door in the faces of 4-year-olds who are eligible for this program. The Republicans slashed the budget for pre-kindergarten by 20 percent. They imposed a new tax on financially stressed families who want to enroll. They limited the number of slots available to at-risk children. They took steps to reduce the academic content; and, now that a judge clearly ruled their efforts as unconstitutional, the Republican leaders are pretending this isn’t what they were trying to do. The truth is they are trying to defund academic pre-kindergarten, put up barriers to it and reduce the academic content.”