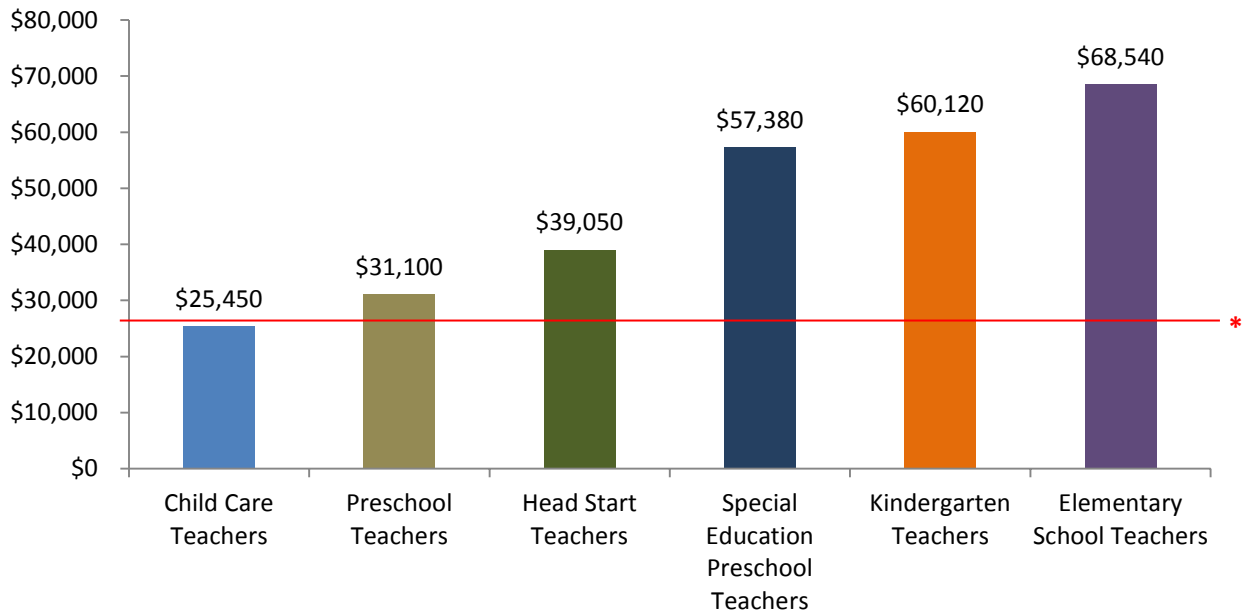# NEW YORK

Access to High Quality Early Learning Matters!

Research shows that during the earliest years of a child's life:

- 700 - 1,000 new neural connections form every second
- Genetics plus experiences shape the developing brain
- The foundation forms for future cognitive abilities
- Vocabulary at age 3 can predict 3rd Grade Reading Achievement

High Quality Programs Depend on a Quality Workforce
Low Wages Undermine Quality

New York Median Annual Workforce Earnings

Occupation	Median Annual Earnings
Child Care Teachers	$25,450
Preschool Teachers	$31,100
Head Start Teachers	$39,050
Special Education Preschool Teachers	$57,380
Kindergarten Teachers	$60,120
Elementary School Teachers	$68,540

*Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligibility for a family of three: $26,124

New York Demographics

1.4 million	Children Under Age 6
638,408	Children Under Age 6 Below 200% of Poverty
64.8%	Children Under Age 6 Living in Households with All Parents Working
36.8%	Families Led by a Single Mother with with Children Under Age 5 Living in Povety
24%	Children Under Age 5 Living in Poverty

New York Median Annual Wages for Other Occupations

- Parking Lot Attendants $20,900
- Manicurist & Pedicurist $19,190
- Word Processors/ Typists $37,130
- Nurses $77,980