## Preschool Programs To Benefit From Stimulus Package Ohio To Get \$83 Million For Preschool Education

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**BUTLER COUNTY, Ohio --** While the details of President Barack Obama's plan to increase funding for schools are still not known, News 5 has learned that Ohio will receive a large amount of funding for early childhood education programs.

In all, more than \$3 billion is coming to Ohio. Of that money, the National Education Association said \$83 million will go to Ohio's Headstart and preschool programs.

The extra funding is good news in Butler County where more than 2,700 families need assistance to put their children in preschool.

"With the economy the way that it is, we're really going to need more programs like this for these children," said preschool teacher Misty Soto.

Soto said the benefits of preschool for young kids are immeasurable.

"It helps them socialize with their peers. They're learning pre-academic reading skills that help them get the foundation they need for kindergarten and the years beyond," said Soto.

Local school districts are waiting to find out details of Obama's spending plan to see just how much money will be coming their way.

News 5 and WLWT.com will report on those numbers as soon as they are made available.

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