

General Ed Department

June 2025 Board Report

Instructional Coaches Update:

We concluded the 2024–2025 New Teacher Network (NTN) series with reflective follow-up sessions tied to our book studies, offering teachers a choice between *Roadmap to Responsibility* and *The Joyful Teacher*, which was well-received. Part 2 of the NTN meetings brought together teachers in their first three years of teaching, fostering meaningful cohort-based discussions.

In May, time was dedicated to one-on-one reflections with first-year teachers, highlighting their growth and resilience. These insights will help launch a strong start to their second year in the fall.

Looking ahead to the 2025–2026 school year, several meetings were held with curriculum directors and principals from Ionia, Portland, Saranac, and Lakewood. Discussions focused on PD planning, NTN improvements, and coaching schedules. A *Bridges Getting Started* workshop for new teachers in Portland, Saranac, and Ionia has been scheduled for August, with support from two trained Portland facilitators.

Additionally, the foundation has been laid for a new Spanish (World Language) Teacher Network starting next school year.

Great Start Readiness Update:

TS Gold Growth Report: This is a county wide report reflecting the growth that the children have made from the start of the program year through the end of the year. Professional development for the 2025–26 school year has been planned based on TS Gold data, as well as the State Assessment End of Year data to improve student outcomes.

Areas of Development: All Areas
Compare to: Widely Held Expectations
Checkpoint Periods : Fall 2024/2025, Spring 2024/2025
Checkpoint Types: Finalized Checkpoint ratings
Age or Class/Grade at Checkpoint Period: Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue)
Children to Compare: Only Children with Ratings in All Checkpoint Periods
Report Level: Program and Sites

Growth Summary					
Area of Development	Number of Children	Number of Children Below Growth Range	Percentage of Children Below Growth Range	Number of Children Meeting or Above Growth Range	Percentage of Children Meeting or Above Growth Range
Social-Emotional	212	12	6%	200	94%
Physical	212	6	3%	206	97%
Language	212	22	10%	190	90%
Cognitive	212	18	8%	194	92%
Literacy	195	4	2%	191	98%
Mathematics	211	6	3%	205	97%

End of Year Celebrations: Staff planned an end of the year celebration for children and families to come together to reflect on what they have learned and participate in activities as they make their transition to Kindergarten.



Great Start Collaborative Update:

For the Great Start Collaborative, we are focusing on events that keep the children and families of Ionia County active and outside. We are hosting weekly adventure walks at the University of Michigan Health Sparrow Ionia trail on the hospital grounds through the end of June. In July and August, we will be hosting park hopping events around the county where we will be providing books to families and bringing activities for them to participate in. Tuesday, July 15th is Kid's Day at Ionia Free Fair. Planning is coming together, and it should be a great day.