



SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

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Date: April 21, 2025
To: Dr. Robert Halverson, Superintendent of Schools
East Aurora School District 131 Board of Education
From: Rosary Horne, Director of Early Learning & Educational Grants
Subject: Jumpstart Summer Recruitment Events, Grant Funded

The Proposal:

Recent additions to the Jumpstart parent educator team have expanded the program’s capacity to serve EA families with children from prenatal to age three to 152 children/families, resulting in increased availability. To connect with and enroll new families, Jumpstart will host three community engagement events during summer 2025. Held in parks throughout the district, these events will be open to all EA families and will focus on parent education, community building, and program recruitment.

Justification:

In order to fill available Jumpstart openings and enroll additional families, the Jumpstart team needs to reach new families within the community. Engagement events open to the community and located throughout the EA boundaries will provide opportunities to meet new families, share the benefits of the program and enroll families throughout the summer months.

Board Policy and Past Practices:

EA District 131 has successfully utilized community engagement events to reach a large number of families to support parent education, registration and the beginning of a new school year.

Strategic Plan:

This recommendation supports East Aurora School District’s Strategic Goal #1 Equity: *East Aurora School District 131 will meet the diverse needs of all students by ensuring a safe and inclusive learning environment.* A safe and inclusive learning environment starts with our district’s youngest learners: infants and toddlers served through the Jumpstart program..

Community Impact:

Ensuring our youngest students are supported in their growth and development strengthens kindergarten readiness and begins a path to college and career readiness for all.

Financial Impact:

All materials, guest speakers/presenters and rental fees will be paid through the Prevention Initiative Grant. All costs will fall below the district threshold requiring Board of Education approval.

Recommendation:

This is an informational item for which the Board of Education’s support is requested.

Timeline for Decision:

N/A

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