

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting (August 23, 2016)

The Early Childhood Coalition Update

Board Goal:

- Cultivate a consistent, strong, district-wide balanced curriculum based on the ongoing needs assessments that supports all students.
- Establish and promote programs to develop and enhance parenting skills and participation in the schools.
- Promote child advocacy across the state and nation.

Purpose of Report

To outline and discuss the goal of bringing together community leaders who have a direct impact on children's lives to start the discussion around early childhood. The summit will focus on key content areas such as Education, Hunger & Food Insecurity, Health, Safety, and Social Services.

Objectives

To engage and empower parents, families, professionals, and communities to provide enriched environments for all children birth – 8 years through: Advocacy; Resources; and Comprehensive Services.

Operational Impact

We are looking for donations for hosting the Summit and beyond. TWU has donated the facility and DISD is helping with some of the publications. We are in need of some Lunch Sponsors 4@ \$500 and Promotional Sponsor at \$1000. We are also looking for sponsorships for what is identified as our next steps.

Results

- According to the “Economics of Early Childhood Investments”, a report prepared in January 2013 for the President of the United States, for every \$1 invested in early learning initiatives, society would benefit by roughly \$8.60.
- Children who enter school at higher levels of readiness have higher earnings throughout their lives. They are also healthier and less likely to become involved with the criminal justice system. These positive spillovers suggest that investments in early childhood can benefit society as a whole.

Other Options

N/A