

## **General Education Update for meeting on 4/19:**

### **Hillsdale County Joint Preschool Recruitment**

- We are currently in the middle of joint preschool recruitment efforts. We are taking pre-registration interest forms at all the local Kindergarten round ups. 70 students have been pre-registered so far.

### **Hillsdale County Preschool Connect**

- Preschool Connect happened on March 20th. We had 83 families attend this event which is an increase from last years event.

### **Hillsdale County Community Baby Shower**

- The Community Baby Shower is an event sponsored by the Hillsdale County Great Start Collaborative to inform and engage pregnant parents and parents of children under 1 year. The event will look and feel like a typical baby shower, including food, door prizes, cupcakes, games and break-out sessions. Breakout sessions will include topics like “Baby Signs”, “Infant Massage”, “Safe Sleep”, “Smoking Cessation”, “Healthy Pregnancy/Healthy Baby”. This years’ event will be held at Hillsdale High School on April 21st from 10:00 a.m. til 1:00 p.m. The intent is to make this an annual community event. Local agencies will be present to share information about prenatal and infant health. All Hillsdale County residents will be invited to participate if they are pregnant or have a child under 1. All parents will leave with a bag of useful infant related goodies as well as increased knowledge to support them in their new parent experience!

### **Book Borrowing Bins**

The Literacy subcommittee of the Great Start Collaborative is working with local agencies/businesses to allow a book borrowing bin to be placed on-site. The purposes is to promote literacy and the love of reading by supporting free book borrowing across the county.

### **Literacy Call to Action**

- We are hosting a Call to Action Literacy event for local administrators and coaches on May 14 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Some of our goals for this day include: Gain a deeper understanding of the scope of literacy work happening in Hillsdale county and across the state, plan for county-wide support to assure the essential practices are utilized for every child, every classroom, every day, review KRA implementation, and create a plan for moving forward together. [Literacy Call To Action Registration](#)

### **Kindergarten Readiness Assessment**

- A team of HCISD staff will be participating in the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Training at Kent ISD April 18. This training will provide knowledge and resources to prepare the HCISD KRA Team to train local kindergarten teachers and support staff in preparation for KRA implementation Fall 2018. HCISD will be hosting 3 KRA training opportunities based on the feedback from our local districts. The registration link provides further details on trainings. [Hillsdale County KRA Teacher Training Registration](#)

### **Restorative Justice Practices Update**

- A collaborative team composed of special education and general education staff have been collaborating bi-weekly to support Reading Community Schools team leadership in the implementation of restorative justice practices. We are excited to see this collaborative expand with the recent MIBLISI Integrated Model of Support Grant they have received. A co-planning session is scheduled for 4/18.