

## **General Education Update for meeting on 9/13/18:**

### **HCISD Early Literacy Coaching Kickoff**

- 8 of our districts participated in HCISD Literacy Coaching Kickoff. Outcomes of the collaboration time included: reflection upon literacy impact as a result of the K-3 coaching model, developing skills and resources to meet the needs of children in every classroom, every day, and refining actions around county-wide coaching goals.

### **Additional Instructional Time Grant**

- Information and support regarding Section 35a(5) of the FY 2018 State School Aid Act will be ongoing throughout the month of September and beginning of October. This potential opportunity provides \$19,900,000 to districts for additional instructional time to pupils in grades K-3 who have been identified as needing additional supports and interventions in order to be reading at grade level by the end of grade 3. The deadline to apply is October 19th.

### **Summer PLAY/Literacy Pop Up Events**

- Summer PLAY and Literacy Pop Up events drew in 63 families, consisting of 104 kids and 103 adults over the course of the summer. Day and evening offerings were provided. Each event is centered around a children's book with a variety of activities for families to engage in. A Literacy Pop Up is scheduled for September 11th, and a PLAY schedule is being designed for the school year.

### **Parents as Teachers Annual Performance Report**

- The Great Start Collaborative partners with Highfields and Integro to provide home visiting services to children and families (prenatally - 5) using the evidence based home visiting curriculum of Parents as Teachers. Once a year, affiliates are required to submit an Annual Performance Report that measures performance on nearly 20 Essential Requirements. Hillsdale County has received documentation that their data demonstrated fidelity to all of the Essential Requirements of the Parents as Teachers model.

### **GSRP Update**

- All of our Hillsdale County GSRP sites have began classes. We are working through any potential enrollment changes that have occurred (students moving or declining placement last minute). We currently have a waitlist of students whose identified desired locations are currently full. We are in the process of reaching out to these families to offer available open placements. We will continue active county-wide joint recruitment efforts to try to provide preschool opportunities to the families and children of Hillsdale County.

- Current Slot Distribution
  - Community Action Agency (GSRP/Head Start Blends)- 74/88
  - Countryside Montessori- 9/10 slots filled
  - Hillsdale-96/97 slots filled (only ½ day slots available)
  - Jonesville-84/84 slots filled
  - Litchfield- 32/32 slots filled
  - North Adams Jerome-28/32 slots filled
  - Reading- 32/32 slots filled
  - 4 unclaimed slots (from the 10 returned from CAA). Have reached out to districts with waitlists to see if they have space to accept more slots/students
  - We have 16 students currently on our waitlist. 11 of these are over income. We are only allowed to have 10% of our total enrollment as over income students.
  
- GSRP Early Childhood Specialist, Linda Wise, had planned and organized the first of many training opportunities that are available to the early childhood staff throughout our county that will take place Friday, September 7th. This year our programs agreed county-wide to have a common day of Friday to collaborate in trainings and professional learning around early childhood education.

### **Collective Efficacy with John Hattie**

- On 8/22 a team composed of General and Special Education leaders attended a full day of learning at WISD around the notion and impact of collective efficacy with John Hattie, author of *Visible Learning: Information about What Works Best for Learning*. Collective efficacy in short is a number of shared beliefs grounded in evidence of impact which dictate what we think, say, and do to produce outcomes. Collective efficacy will be the primary framework through which we approach every instructional initiative in the county.

### **Professional Learning Calendar 2018-2019**

- We use multiple data measures to inform our professional learning for the year. One of these data measures includes each district's needs identification, which the general education team conducted with each district leadership team last year to help inform this year's offerings. We are happy to provide many robust options that align and are supported with state, regional, and local priorities. For a complete listing of HCISD Professional Learning options, please see our General Education Instructional Services Brief. <https://www.smores.com/pm6zu>