

Board Update: Morrow County Early Learning Center in Boardman and MCSD Early Learning Services

1. The BMCC Workforce Development Center in Boardman will also house the Early Childhood Education (ECE) program, which has been a part of BMCC for many years. It will be opened the 2017-2018 school year. This facility will allow for BMCC students to receive on the job training with 0-5 year olds in an Early Learning lab environment.
2. Early Learning Center will primarily be ran by Umatilla-Morrow Head Start (UMHS).
3. Collaboration with UMHS, BMCC, MCSD and IMESD will allow UMHS to house their existing Boardman program into that location.
4. UMHS will also work with BMCC to support early childhood education students completing their lab experience.
5. MCSD already supports IMESD, Umatilla-Morrow Head Start, and OCDC by giving them classroom space in our schools. We collaborate deeply in having many more parent involvement activities with families that have children age 0-6. We will continue to give Head Start programs space in our buildings until a facility is built. When UMHS leaves our SBE classroom we will have additional space in our school building. During the 2015-2016 school year, the district has continued to look at preschool initiatives around serving families not served in existing Head Start programs as well as private preschool programs. All of the Head Start programs mentioned have cap space which is estimated to support 40% of students entering Kindergarten. There are still 60% of students that are going to enter kindergarten not served by any preschool program.
6. Starting in May of the 2015-2016 school year, MCSD will add an Early Learning Care Coordinator to serve children ages 0-8 (grant funded).
7. Beginning the 2016-2017 school year, UMHS is working with MCSD to partner to provide an early learning program for Boardman and Irrigon 4 year old (preschool) students. The learning program will focus on offering a high quality preschool education at least 2 days a week for each community. The goal will be to work with children and families to boost skills that will promote school readiness and learning success. UMHS will utilize Oregon Early Learning Standards as they work with 40 students from Irrigon and 40 students for Boardman (80 total). The target is to have 20 students in each class for two days per week at 3.5 hours per session. There will be (2) AM sessions and (2) PM sessions in each community. We will not provide transportation for students. The program will recruit underserved Irrigon and Boardman students not receiving services from UMHS, students who fall into the 101% to 200% range of poverty and who otherwise do not have access to preschool services will receive priority for services.
8. MCSD is now in collaboration with Heppner Day Care to provide the same quality of services for Heppner 4 year old preschool students. The goal is to ensure all 3 year old and 4 year old children in Heppner have more access and opportunity to participate in Preschool education. We will collaborate to support with staffing, funding, and potentially space so that Heppner Day Care can expand their preschool services in Heppner.
9. MCSD will contract with UMHS and Heppner Day care to continue their screening and referral process as well as parent education classes that they offer. Classes will take place in English and Spanish as needed.

Program Goals and Objectives:

- Recruit and enroll four year old children born on or before September 1 who do not already attend or have access to preschool services. Priority for service will fall between 101-200% of poverty.
- Provide a high quality preschool education aligned to Oregon State Early Learning Standards.
- Provide referral services such as: Child Find, CARE, CCS, DHS, and other external/internal partners.
- Provide parent education opportunities to families with trainings provided through the Oregon Parenting Education Collaborative (OPEC).