


Livonia Public Schools

Department of Student Services

TO: Randy A. Liepa, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools
FROM:  Kathy Donagrandi, Administrator of Student Services
DATE: October 28, 2010
SUBJECT: Participation in Great Start Readiness Program

Through section 32d of the State Aid Act the State of Michigan funds the Great Start Readiness Program (formally known as the Michigan School Readiness Program) for "at-risk" four year old children. Livonia Public Schools has been operating a half-day preschool program since 1999.

The State requires that the Board of Education adopt a "Participating Resolution" to accept the funding this year. The final resolution from the State is not yet available. I would like to discuss the resolution at the next Finance Committee meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Attachment

Kids First is our district's Great Start Readiness Program. The program provides high-quality learning experiences for children who have been identified as having individual, family, or community factors which may hinder success in school during the early years. Children attend part-day four days per week through the school year.

Data is collected for completion of the Community Needs and Resources Assessment. Such data as, kindergarten enrollment, kindergarteners with risk factors, early childhood special education enrollment, free and reduced lunch count is used to determine our district's allocation.

The FY 2009-2010 allocation was \$268,000 to enroll and service 79 children. **This year's numbers determined the school district's allocation to be \$326,400, therefore providing preschool services to 96 children.**

Michigan Department of Education
2010-2011 Great Start Readiness Program

Participating Resolution

WHEREAS, the Legislature continues to acknowledge the importance of improving school readiness by providing quality preschool education for four-year-old children who may have extraordinary need of special assistance and the importance of providing parenting education programs for families of all children birth to kindergarten entry; and _____

WHEREAS, Sections 32d and 37 through 40 of the State School Aid Act provide for comprehensive compensatory education for these children and families, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 38 of the State School Aid Act, **Livonia Public Schools** is eligible to receive an allocation of **\$326400** for fiscal year 2010 - 2011 to operate a school readiness program for a maximum of **96** children and/or to provide comprehensive parent involvement and education programs for all families of children birth to kindergarten entry; now therefore, be it _____

RESOLVED that **Livonia Public Schools** certifies that it **will provide Part-Day, All-Day/Alternate Day, GSRP/Head Start Blend or Home-Based** preschool education for **96** eligible four-year-old children, and that **\$326400** of the stated amount, based on the approved per capita allowance of **\$ 3400** will be used specifically for this purpose; and be it

RESOLVED that **Livonia Public Schools** certifies that it **will provide Full-Day** preschool education for **0** eligible four-year-old children, and that **\$0** of the stated amount, based on the approved per capita allowance of **\$ 6800** will be used specifically for this purpose; and

Livonia Public Schools further certifies that more than 50 percent of the children enrolled in the school readiness program will meet the income eligibility guidelines outlined in Sections 32d and 37 through 40; and therefore be it

RESOLVED that **Livonia Public Schools** certifies that it **will provide comprehensive parent involvement and education programs** for all families of children birth to kindergarten entry, and that **\$0** will be used specifically for this purpose; and be it

RESOLVED that any unallocated funds, as a result of this resolution, shall be redistributed to other eligible districts.

ADOPTED: _____
DATE SIGNATURE OF SCHOOL OR ACADEMY BOARD PRESIDENT

ADOPTED: _____
DATE SIGNATURE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY

One (1) original of the signed board resolution must be retained in administrative files.

Great Start Readiness Program
Formula Community Needs and Resources Assessment
and/or
Competitive Application Need and Capacity
2010-2011
Support of the Great Start Collaborative

Livonia Public Schools
Name of Applicant

This local Great Start Collaborative has been and will continue to be involved in the collaborative efforts of the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP). The Collaborative has reviewed the GSRP 2010-2011 Formula Community Needs and Resources Assessment (CNRA) and/or the GSRP Competitive Needs and Capacity page for the program above. Per section 39 of PA 121 of 2009, and as a Great Start Collaborative, we have included GSRP services as part of the community's Great Start Strategic Plan.

Great Start Collaborative-Wayne
Name of Great Start Collaborative

Doreen K. Hartke, Director

Signature of Great Start Collaborative Chair

3/30/10
Date

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