



**Agenda IV.B.4.
April 22, 2021**

To: Board of Education
From: Dr. Theresa Battle, superintendent
Date: April 15, 2021
Re: Approve the Birth to 8 Joint Powers Agreement Amendments

Recommendation: that the Board of Education approves the Birth to 8 Joint Powers Agreement Amendments.

The Board received a report about the Birth to 8 Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) at its regular meeting on August 27, 2020, and approved the JPA at its regular meeting on September 10, 2020. Minor updates have been made to the agreement including the end date which referred to the pilot program and other changes that were based on the pilot plan. The amendment has been reviewed by our district attorney and is attached for your review. The original JPA can be found in BoardBook under the September 10, 2020 Board meeting.

The Birth to Age Eight Initiative (B28) brings together key stakeholders from public health, human services, community non-profits, and education in Dakota County.

B28 aims to assure children reach key developmental milestones from birth through age eight and to identify at-risk children and families early, with the vision that 100 percent of children identified to meet the state proficiency reading target by the spring of third grade.

Key developmental milestones have been identified which will be identified by “stoplights” (red, yellow, or green) indicating the current level of need.

The process is entirely voluntary – parents/guardians must sign consent before enrolling.

- Dakota County will provide health and development benchmarks.
- Both parties will be able to monitor the development of students over time, by inputting information into the portal.

This agreement allows for our information to go into the portal, allows districts and Dakota county to access the portal for use in the services provided to families.