

General Education Update for meeting on 8/16/18:

HCISD Early Literacy Coaching Model

- HCISD will continue to use the funds from the second early literacy coaching grant to build capacity at each LEA by distributing coaching hours and funds among the participating districts. 9 of the districts have signed the commitment to participate including: Camden-Frontier Public Schools, Hillsdale Community Schools, Hillsdale Preparatory, Jonesville Community Schools, Litchfield Community Schools, North Adams-Jerome Public Schools, Pittsford Area Schools, Waldron Area Schools and Will Carleton Academy.

Kindergarten Readiness Assessment

- HCISD Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Teacher Training has concluded. HCISD offered summer sessions to ensure our local kindergarten teachers and staff are prepared to administer the assessment once school begins. 25 teachers and literacy coaches participated in the trainings offered. The KRA testing window closes on October 31. We will be working to support teachers through this learning curve this Fall.

Summer P.L.A.Y/Literacy Pop Up Events

- We held our first Summer P.L.A.Y. (Parents Learning About Young Children) group on June 14th at Baw Beese. Records show we had 64 people in attendance with 44 of those attendees being children! In July, our PLAY event welcomed 45 people, 28 of whom were young children. The Literacy Pop Up held at Udder Side in July had 58 in attendance, 40 of whom were children! August will feature one more daytime PLAY event and 1 evening Literacy Pop Up designed to engage families in literacy and learning this summer. Each event is centered around a children's book with a variety of activities for families to engage in. [Summer Fun in Hillsdale County](#)

GSRP Update

- Hillsdale County received their anticipated allocation for GSRP slots for the 18-19 schools year. As expected, we received the "hold-harmless" amount of 379 slots which is what we filled last year. We currently have 297 of these slots accepted by eligible students, and anticipate filling these slots with our 3rd and final roll-out of age waiver students (turn 4 between September 1st and December 1st) and possibly if there is still availability, up to the allowed 10% over income students who fall between 250 and 300% poverty. Contracts for sub-recipients are currently being drawn-up and we anticipate their presentation at next months board meeting.

Leading and Learning Network

- On 7/30 & 7/31 and 8/7 & 8/8, fifty-eight district leaders from across Hillsdale and Jackson County came together to learn about their personal leadership development and influence. We learned about our personal constraints as leaders and developed a traction plan to addressing those constraints in order to have a greater level of influence and effectiveness. We are looking forward to the continued growth of our leadership through the network.