

General Education Update for November Board Meeting

GSRP & Hillsdale County Preschool Joint Recruitment

- [GSRP slot allocations](#) have been released by the State of Michigan. Hillsdale County received their anticipated 379 slots “hold harmless” amount. Subrecipient contracts will be presented for board approval this month. We are still waiting for the transportation allocation to be released by the state.

Great Start Collaborative Talking is Teaching

- Through Trusted Advisors Funding, three opportunities for parents to engage in Talking is Teaching training have been scheduled. In addition, a community training will be held in January for partner agencies and community businesses who have an interest in learning more about the messages supported by the Talking is Teaching campaign. The first training event scheduled for November 23rd is at capacity with a waiting list! [Talking is Teaching Parent Flyer](#)

Child Care Forum

- The Great Start Collaborative and Child Care Network are partnering to host a Child Care Forum on February 6th at 8:30 a.m. at Perennial Park Senior Center. The intent of this meeting is to educate community stakeholders on the child care crisis facing Hillsdale County families and to begin some conversation about what can be done to begin to address this very important issue. More information to come, but please save the date!

Literacy

- On October 30th, MDE released an article acknowledging and celebrating the literacy gains the state of Michigan continues to make. Governor Gretchen Whitmer commented on the state’s progress and stressed the need to prioritize funding for early literacy. On October 31st, MDE released the highly anticipated renewal of two grant opportunities to increase student achievement in early literacy: Additional Instructional Time Grant 35a(5) and Literacy Coaches 35a(4). The deadline for both of the grants is November 24th.