

## **General Education Update for meeting on 11/15/18:**

### **New Ways to Engage Parents Literacy Workshop**

- Dr. Patricia Edwards, a nationally recognized expert in parent involvement and early literacy lead a professional learning session at HCISD on October 22nd. We had 49 local attendees, including teachers, administrators, literacy coaches, and support staff from our county. This learning is a continuation of our literacy coaches and their teams continued efforts to engage all families in literacy and language interactions with their children that can be drawn upon and extended through third grade.

### **Literacy Coaches and Principals Joint Collaboration**

- We have added quarterly collaboration time at our county-wide principals meetings for literacy coaches to have extended time to work alongside their building principals to strengthen school-wide literacy practices in early literacy. In October, principals and coaches reflected upon research-supported school-wide practices in literacy, listed evidences of organizational practices in place. With facilitation support from HCISD literacy specialist and county literacy coaching leaders the district teams also noted lack of evidence and determined challenges around a system of practice and an action step to implement to remove a barrier related to the challenge.

### **Great Start Collaborative Parent Coalition**

- The Great Start Collaborative Parent Coalition will be hosting their next Parent Meeting on November 17th from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Lisa Dove with Kindermusik will be presenting on the importance of music in children's development, followed up with interactive music and movement activities for parents and children in attendance. RSVPs are required as lunch is being provided. Families can register at [www.greatstarhillsdale.com](http://www.greatstarhillsdale.com)

### **Great Start Collaborative/Child Care Network Presentation**

- Great Start Collaborative staff and Great Start to Quality staff were invited to present to the Hillsdale Ministerial Association on the lack of high-quality child care, especially infant and toddler care on November 1st. The Director provided an overview of the Great Start Collaborative, followed by a personal experience of a family seeking child care offered by the Parent Liaison. Our local Child Care Network painted a picture of the lack of child care opportunities in the county followed by information presented by Child Care Resource Specialists in the event that any of the participating churches may have interest in considering an on-site child care,

### **GSRP Update**

- Contracts are complete and will be sent to programs upon board approval.
- Early Childhood Specialist, Linda Wise, will host November's PD opportunity on Friday, November 16th at the Hayes building. The training's focus is on Increasing Hands-On Math in the Classroom (Counts; Quantifies; Connects Numerals with their Quantities; Understands Shapes; Measures Objects; Represents & Analyzes Data).