

General Education Update for meeting on 4/18/19:

Literacy Coach and Principal Joint Meeting

- Local literacy coaches and building principals are in the process of evaluating the current systems in place that will support Read By Third Grade Law. On March 27th, both groups came together to develop action steps to ensure their teachers and parents will receive consistent and accurate information to support the understanding of Read By Third Grade. This information includes the final implementation steps for 2019-2020 school year and the retention component. All of our LEA's are finalizing parent brochures that will serve as a resource tool for families.

Kindergarten Readiness Assessment

- LEA's have provided feedback around needs for Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Trainings and KRA Refresher Trainings for 2019-2020. After reviewing the responses, we have decided that HCISD will partner with our region to send those teachers who need KRA training to Jackson or Lenawee County. HCISD will continue to offer on-site support to districts around KRA in the Fall to those districts in need.

Literacy Pop Up

- Our first Spring 2019 Literacy Pop Up Event has been scheduled for May 20 at Udderside in Jonesville, with a rain date scheduled for May 23rd. This is an opportunity to engage families in language-based activities including reading, writing, and oral language skills. Each child in attendance will receive a free book to take home.

2019 Community Baby Shower

- Registration is now open for this year's Community Baby Shower. The event will be held on April 27th from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The day allows for an opportunity for expecting and new parents to visit resource tables to learn about community supports. In addition, commitments have been received by 7 community presenters to address topics like: Healthy Pregnancy, Home & Car Safety Tips, Let's Talk, Powerful Ways to Play, Don't Worry: Nature's Got You Covered, A Very Important Relationship: YOU MATTER, and Child Care. [Community Baby Shower Registration](#)

Wanted: More Child Care Options for Hillsdale County

- The Great Start Collaborative has received funding through the Healthy Senior/Healthy Youth Community Foundation grant to support the licensing start-up costs of up to 6 child care providers. This effort is in cooperation with

Child Care Network. The interest/application process is underway. Interviews and background checks will be completed by early summer to select those interested parties to move on in the process.

Great Start Parent Coalition Upcoming Meeting

- The Parent Coalition will be hosting a family engagement night on April 23rd from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. The HCISD Literacy Specialist and a few district literacy coaches are putting together an evening focused on how to develop a love for reading and writing in a home setting. The event will include time for families to explore the ideas presented with their children as well as “make and take” resources to use at home. Dinner is provided for all attending families. [April Parent Coalition Meeting](#)

GSRP Update

- Preschool Connect was a hit! We had at least 58 families attend this event and a good time was had by all! Caregivers had the opportunity to learn about the preschool option available in Hillsdale County and even pre-register their child for a program that night. They could also take advantage of dental, vision, hearing and developmental screenings for their children. Community organizations, agencies and preschools organized creative and fun activities for the kids that included water play, bubbles, obstacle course, block play, and interaction with baby chicks just to name a few. Here are a few moments of fun we were able to capture.



Hillsdale County Preschool Joint Recruitment

- Preschool Joint Recruitment is up and running following our kick-off event of Preschool Connect. We currently have 225 preschool age students (3 & 4 by December 1, 2020) signed up for a preschool opportunity in Hillsdale County!