

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT
Department of Early Childhood Education
May 9th, 2018

The Bates Early Childhood Center received interim visits from the Department of Human Services Bureau of Children and Adult Licensing in April. The Center license is extended for an additional year.

With the signing of Public Law 115-141, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018 included \$9,863,095,000 for programs under the Head Start Act. This is an increase of \$610 million over fiscal year 2017 funding. Of this increase, \$216 million provides grantees with a 2.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). Casey will request permission to submit a supplemental grant application for the COLA funds. This funding increase will also provide programs with an opportunity to increase their hours of program operations. Guidance regarding full-day programming has not yet been received.

Fifty pregnant women/children were enrolled in Early Head Start in the month of April and 195 children were enrolled in Head Start. We currently have 35 slots filled in Great Start Readiness Program. A total of 1199 snacks, 2303 breakfasts and 3054 lunches were served in March.

The fiscal year 2016 Early On – Child and Family Outcomes Report has been published. The results of the survey conducted by Wayne State University, as a part of the Early On evaluation, demonstrated very strong results for our program versus State data. This data reflects the excellent work of those involved in Early On including Cherie Fila, Special Education and Health Department staff.

Interviews were conducted for the vacant part-time Lead Classroom Coordinator position at the Willis Center. Casey will bring a recommendation to fill the position.

Our projected last day with children in Head Start will be May 24th at the Willis/Nordic Centers and June 11th at the Bates/Norway Centers (as long as we do not have any more snow days)! The Willis Center will have their end of year picnic on May 18th, the Nordic Center May 24th, Norway Center on June 8th and Bates on June 11th.

As we approach the end of the program year, center-based staff and office staff will participate in performance evaluations in May, June and July.