

Executive Summary
Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting
April 21, 2015
2015-16 Incoming Kindergartner Outreach Activities Report

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the activities planned on elementary campuses for 2015-16 incoming kindergartners and their parents.

Objectives

- Provide Trustees with the dates and activities planned for 2015-16 incoming kindergarten students
- Provide Trustees with the dates and activities planned for parents of incoming kindergarten students
- Provide Trustees with the logic behind planning these activities

Operational Impact

None

Results

This report reflects the response of elementary campus staffs to the identified unique needs of incoming kindergarten students and their parents. Implementations of similar activities over the past two years have produced positive, observable results. Students and their parents experience less anxiety, fewer emotional outbursts have been observed, and teachers and parents report an overall positive atmosphere as school begins. Teachers and campus leaders report that, while these activities do require some planning and time for effective implementation, the time spent in this initiative prior to the beginning of school increases the positive experiences at the beginning of the new school year. This, in turn, results in more time available for instruction and orientation, as well as fostering more positive family / school relationships as learners begin their school careers.

Other Options

None
