

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT
Department of Early Childhood Education
July 25th, 2018

Casey and Jennifer have met on several occasions to monitor the Early Head Start/Head Start budget and to address management of the budget through the end of the program year. Close out went smoothly. A big thank you to Jennifer and the other staff in the Business Office for all of their work.

Casey will bring a recommendation to fill the vacant Secretary/Clerical (200 days) position.

Casey will bring a recommendation to fill the vacant full-time Assistant/Associate Classroom Coordinator position (currently located at the Willis Center). The recommendation will be to fill this position with internal candidate Emmie Mattson.

Casey will bring a recommendation to fill the position of Family Service Coordinator with Health Component Responsibilities. The recommendation will be to fill this position with Monica Dowdle.

We have received notice from the Administration for Children and Families that the 2018-2019 Early Head Start and Head Start grant has been awarded. We have not yet received notification regarding the 2018-2019 Supplemental COLA application.

Fifty pregnant women/children were enrolled in Early Head Start in the month of June and 68 children were enrolled in Head Start (full-day classrooms only). A total of 313 snacks, 361 breakfasts and 319 lunches were served in June. .

Annual Performance Evaluations were completed with all Head Start/Great Start Readiness classroom staff in May and June. Performance Evaluations for office staff were completed in June and July and Early Head Start will take place in the fall.

The 2018-2019 Early On grant application was submitted prior to the June 30th deadline. We have also received notice from the Michigan Department of Education that the Fiscal Year 2019 State School Aide Act includes an additional \$5,000,000 in funding for Early On. This will result in an additional \$29,516 being available to our local Early On program following a successful application.

As a part of the DIISD's responsibility as fiduciary of the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) grant, Casey conducted annual monitoring of GSRP sub-recipients in May. The 2017-2018 Monitoring Reports for each sub-recipient have been completed and were sent to each sub-recipient.

The Department of Early Childhood was successful in securing a grant of \$10,000 from the Dickinson County United Way to support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library initiative. These funds will be available January 2019 through December 2019. Enrollment in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library continues to be very strong. We currently at an all-time high enrollment of 1141 children.