



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: April 17, 2019

Purpose: Presentation/Report Recognition Discussion/ Possible Action

Closed/Executive Session Work Session Discussion Only Consent

From: Rosanna Carmona-Mercado, Director of Early Childhood

Item Title: Report on current status of Head Start.

Description:

Report on current status of Head Start.

Recommendation:

Report Only

District Goal/Strategy:

Strategy 3 We will develop a strong support system which will provide meaningful and innovative instruction that promotes critical thinking and problem solving.

Funding Budget Code and Amount:

CFO Approval

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Chief Officer:

Superintendent:

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Head Start

What We Do

SSAISD Head Start program promotes school readiness of children ages three to five from low-income families by supporting the development of the whole child.

Our program supports children's growth and development in positive learning environments through a variety of services, which include:

- Early Learning
- Health
- Family Well Being

Where Are We Now

SSAISD has been awarded the Head Start Grant for an additional five years (2018 - 2022). We have been awarded 288 slots as per the grant. Currently, we are serving 288 three and four year olds in the SSAISD Head Start program in all of our nine elementaries.

Community Needs Assessment

In 2017, data from the Head Start Community Needs Assessment revealed SSAISD Head Start could serve more students. As a result, we reached out to the Office of Head Start to request additional slots. We were informed that we had already reached our maximum allotment and no funding opportunities were available in our area.

The Office of Head Start posts funding opportunities announcements for services in defined service areas, or through a national expansion competition. These opportunities are only available when federal funds are available.

Not taking no for an answer, we monitor daily the Office of Head Start website for availability to obtain additional slots.