



# Denton ISD & Community School Readiness Partnership

DISD School Board Workshop

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# What Is School Readiness?

“Children are not innately “ready” or “not ready” for school. Their skills and development are strongly influenced by their families and through their interactions with other people and environments *before coming to school* (emphasis added).”

Maxwell, K., & R.M. Clifford. 2004. Research in review:  
School readiness assessment. *Young Children* 59 (1): 42–46





# Readiness includes more than children--



**The concept of readiness includes:**

- ready children
- ready families
- ready communities
- ready early care and education, and
- ready schools.

**All are necessary** so that all children will experience **success.**”

School Readiness Indicators Initiative. 2005. *Getting ready—School Readiness Indicators Initiative: A 17-state partnership*. Online: [www.gettingready.org/matriarch](http://www.gettingready.org/matriarch).

# Making a commitment to readiness for all



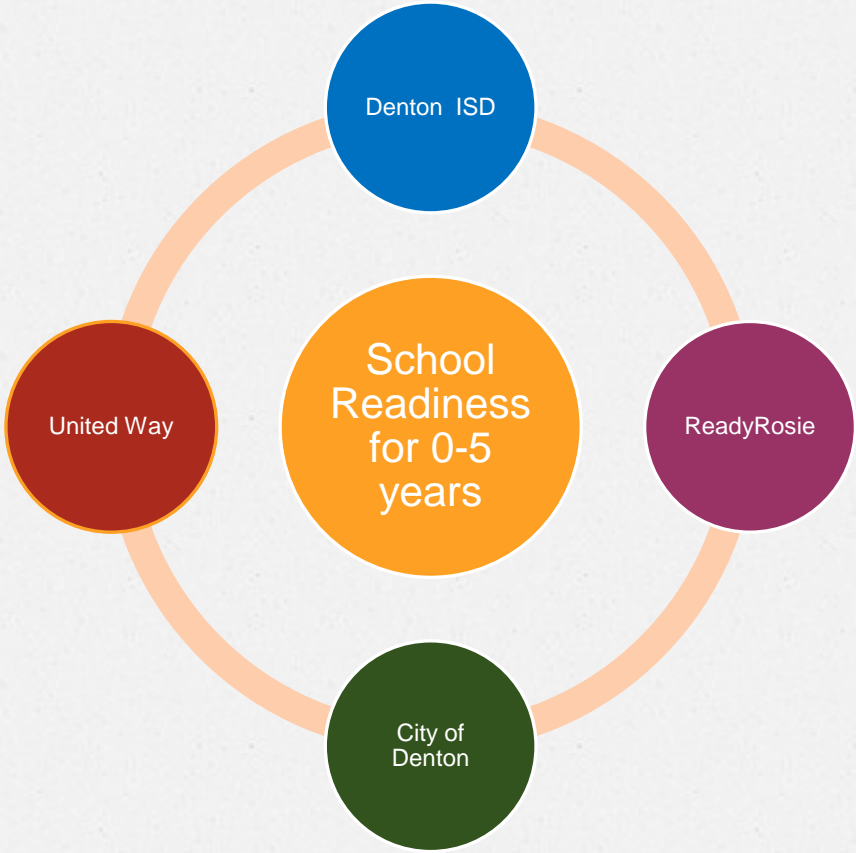
“The **investment and commitment** needed to ensure that every child enters school ready to succeed and that schools are effective in educating every child will not be small. But it is essential.”

National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC),  
Where we stand on school readiness, position paper, (2009)  
[www.naeyc.org/positionstatements/school\\_readiness](http://www.naeyc.org/positionstatements/school_readiness)





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**READYROSIE** Ready for school. Ready for the world.

Emily Roden,  
developer of **READYROSIE**

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- o Denton ISD
- o United Way
- o City of Denton
- o University of North Texas/DAAEYC
- o Serve Denton
- o Denton Public Library
- o Gallian Center
- o The Village Church



- o Elementary C&I Dept
- o Federal Programs Dept
- o Bilingual Dept
- o Academic Programs Dept
- o Communications Dept
- o Technology Dept
- o Transportation Dept
- o Planning Dept
- o Special Education Dept
- o Ann Windle SYC
- o Head Start Parent Volunteers
- o Gonzalez SYC
- o Borman Elementary



# Other Details and Next Steps

- o Funded with Denton ISD Federal Funding, Title I
- o Subscription for one year
- o Will include all currently enrolled 3, 4, and 5 year olds in Denton ISD
- o Collect data usage
- o Estimate to reach 9,000 children across Denton ISD with a potential for 11,000
- o February 1 is target date if not earlier
- o Community will assist with “connecting (registering) parents”



# Enlisting assistance from other community resources

- Hospitals
- Health Department
- Pediatricians
- Apartment/Mobile Home Management
- Parent Support Groups
- Neighborhood Associations
- School Events
- School Registration
- Local Media
- Many others...

