

Early Childhood Update

April 21, 2015



Background

- February 24, 2014 Early Childhood Update
- May 27, 2014 PreK Expansion Discussion
- June 10, 2014 Texas PreK Guidelines
- October 28, 2014 Expansion Report

Topics of Discussion

- Update report - expansion of PreK services
- Review of *Fred Moore at Gonzalez* partnership
- Opportunities

Current PreK Enrollment

- PreK Enrollment continues to rise
 - April 2015 Enrollment – 966
 - April 2014 Enrollment – 843

Fred Moore at Gonzalez

- August 25 46 Students begin FM@G
- September 22 New FM@G class began
- October 2 FM@G began after school care program
- October 2014 61 students - FM@G
- April 2015 73 students - FM@G

Increased Capacity to Serve Children

- FMDN served 76 students, infants through five-year olds, at their site in 2013-14
- FM is currently serving 152 children (+76)
- New capacity for both FM programs 184-190

Current Professional Development Emphasis

- DISD PreK Coach – Sally Brown
- Continued data collection related to the State of Texas PreK Guidelines
- Emphasis on developing deeper Parent- School relationships



- *Joined by FM@G, St. Paul Christian Learning Center, Denton Christian Preschool and Virginia Gallian CDC*

Community Partnerships: PreK Coalition Update



Possible Next Steps



Opportunities

- Add full-day monolingual PreK to Newton Rayzor
 - Complement full-day bilingual pilot
 - Gather local data / research
- Partnership with Denton City County Day School
 - Partnership for am/pm classes (Lee or Windle)
- Expand partnership with Fred Moore Day Nursery
 - Additional 2-4 classrooms, dependent upon enrollment

Financial Considerations

- Pending legislation does not allow accurate financial projections, particularly for PreK
- Full-day funding would significantly impact current and potential partnerships and plans for expansion
- Increased funding for “high quality” program might require adjustments

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