BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT Department of Early Childhood Education May 7th, 2019

A total of 50 pregnant women/children were enrolled in Early Head Start in April and 195 children were enrolled in Head Start! We currently have 36 slots filled in Great Start Readiness Program for the 2018-2019 program year. We are accepting applications for the 2019-2020 program year. A total of 2161 breakfasts, 2787 lunches and 1124 snacks were served in March, 2019.

Donna Cline has submitted a letter of resignation effective the last day of the 2018-2019 Head Start program year. Casey will request the Board accept the letter of resignation with regret.

Kyle Lintula has submitted a letter of resignation effective May 7th, 2019. Kyle has served in a contracted role through EduStaff as our Education and Behavior Support Specialist for the 2018-2019 program year. We will work to fill this position again prior to the 2019-2020 program year.

As reported by Superintendent Warmuth at the April meeting of the Board, the Department of Early Childhood has been successful in securing a supplemental Head Start grant to expand full-day programming at the Willis Center beginning in 2019-2020. With these funds, we will have two full-day classrooms at the Willis Center that will serve up to 40 children. We see this as an excellent opportunity for families and enrolled children!

Because of the Head Start Full-day Expansion Grant, the department will be adding two full-day staff, including a Lead Classroom Coordinator and an Assistant Associate Classroom Coordinator. Casey will request permission to create these two new positions. In addition, Casey will request permission to add an additional Family Service Coordinator position and to post to fill this position.

With expanding need for support in all classrooms, Casey will request permission to add 4 new Assistant/Associate (Flexible Assignment) positions and to post to fill these positions.

A vacancy was created in a Head Start Lead Classroom Coordinator position at the Bates Center with the recent resignation of Holly Golfis. We have posted this position internally and externally. Casey will make a recommendation to fill this position on a Temporary basis per the ESP II contract.

Our projected last day with children in Head Start will be May 30th at the Willis and 31st at the Nordic Center, and June 11th at the Bates/Norway Centers (as long as we do not have any more snow days)!

As we approach the end of the program year, center-based staff and office staff will participate in performance evaluations in May, June and July.