

**Denton Independent School District**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Early Childhood Education Update**  
Tuesday, March 9, 2010

**Board Goals:**

**I. Vision ...**

***In pursuit of excellence, the district will:***

- remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus

**II. Teaching & Learning...**

***In pursuit of excellence, the district will:***

- expect full curriculum implementation on each campus by instructional leaders
- establish quality staff development programs and promote professional learning communities
- strive to deliver all academic programs through teachers possessing advanced degrees and demonstrable competence in their areas of professional responsibility
- stay abreast of and incorporate best practices into teaching, learning and leadership

**Purpose of Report:**

To update the board on the enrollment of the various programs that will be offered Popo and Lupe Gonzalez School for Young Children for the 2010-11 school year.

To update the board on marketing plans to promote the Gonzalez School for Young Children and the district's overall Pre-School programs.

To propose offering pilot pre-school programs at Cross Oaks Elementary School and Paloma Creek Elementary School on a "space-available" basis.

**Objectives:**

To discuss and possibly take action on the "planned" program offerings and the "piloted programs" at the Cross Oaks Elementary School and Paloma Creek Elementary School on a "space-available" bases.

**Overview:**

To provide information on the following:

- Update Gonzalez enrollment
- Expand piloted pre-school program offerings on a "space available" basis at the designated elementary schools in the eastern section of the district.
- Provide an updated marketing plan for the Pre-School Programs

**Operational Impact:**

- The operational and budget impact will be determined after registrations are conducted throughout this semester and into the summer – prior to the Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> opening of school.

**Results:**

The newest recommended pre-school programs are identified and outlined in this report.

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**Attachments:**

- No. 1 – Update on Pre-School Enrollment for Popo and Lupe Gonzalez School for Young Children – the latest enrollment figures will be presented at the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- No. 2 - Update on Marketing Plans for promoting Denton ISD’s new pre-school programs.
- No. 3 – Power point on new programs on eastern section of the district.

**ENROLLMENT UPDATE: Gonzalez School for Young Children**

Registration for the Popo and Lupe Gonzalez School for Young Children was initiated on Saturday, Feb. 20, with an all-day registration fair. Since then, registration is being conducted daily throughout the school day at the Pre-School office, currently housed at the Advanced Technology Complex:

The enrollment for Gonzalez – as of Thursday, March 4: \*

- ½ Day Pre-Kindergarten Program for 3 & 4 year olds (Bilingual) ..... 57
- ½ Day ESL Pre-Kindergarten Program for 3 & 4 year olds ..... 5
- ½ Day Pre-Kindergarten Program (English)..... 32
- ½ Day Pre-School Academy (tuition-based) ..... 4
- Full- Day Pre-School Academy (tuition-based) ..... 4
- Extended School Day Program ..... 3
- **TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED: (March 4, 2010) ..... 102**

( \*These numbers do not include the PPCD classes – which is expected to enroll about 20 to 25 students throughout the 2010-11 school year at Gonzalez School for Young Children.)

**PPCD (Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities):**

- PPCD is a special education program that serves children - between three to five - who have delays in speech, language or physical, social and/or emotional development.
- Eligible students attend this program at no cost to the family.
- PPCD Bilingual (Spanish) classrooms are provided when necessary. The amount of time and type of services provided are determined by an Individual Education Program (IEP) committee. Students are eligible for services on their third birthday – pending tests results and ARD approval.
- The PPCD classes will be offered at Gonzalez School for Young Children and will also continue at Ann Windle School for Young Children, Paloma Creek Elementary, Newton Rayzor Elementary, and Stephens Elementary.

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## **NEW PROGRAMS TO BE OFFERED**

### **At Cross Oaks Elementary & Paloma Creek Elementary schools**

#### **‘Piloted’ Pre-Kindergarten Program for 3 and 4-year olds:**

- This is a state-funded program that serves children who are three or four years of age on or before Sept. 1
- Students may attend this program free of charge if they meet any of the following criteria:
  - is limited English speaking.
  - qualifies for free or reduced lunch.
  - is an active military dependent.
  - has been with Department of Family and Protective Services.
  - is homeless.

There currently is a Pre-Kindergarten program housed at Paloma Creek for four-year-olds. This program, which follows the State of Texas Pre-School curriculum, will expand the program to three-year-olds at both schools.

#### **‘Piloted’ Pre-School Academy for 3 and 4-year olds:**

- The Pre-School Academy is for 3-year-olds/4-year-olds, whose parents are willing to pay tuition. This programs will be on a “space available” basis.
- There will be ½-Pre-School Academy program at Paloma Creek.
- There will be two ½ -day programs offered at Cross Oaks and one full-day program – if space and demand warrant both programs.
- Children who are three- or four-years-old on or before Sept. 1 are eligible to enroll.
- Pre-School Academy - is designed to help children grow academically and physically.
- Parents may choose a half-day or full-day program.

#### **Costs of Programs:**

**Full Day Pre-School Academy:** \$600 month for 10 months plus \$75 registration fee and \$30 per semester for supplies.

**Half-Day Pre-School Academy:** \$340 month for 10 months – plus \$60 registration fee and \$25 per semester for supplies.

**Extended School Day Services:** \$165 per month plus \$45 registration fee.

\* **Pre-K Program:** Free to students who qualify for a half day.

**PPCD:** Free to students who qualify..

\*Those students who qualify for a half-day Pre-K program and want to attend all-day sessions may do so by paying a fee established by the state - for the other half-day session– plus \$60 registration fee and \$25 per semester for supplies.

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**Extended School Day**

If there is a demand for Extended School Day Programs – it will be offered to pre-school students at Paloma Creek and Cross Oaks Elementary schools. It takes a minimum of 5 paying students to fund one instructor. Because of the age of these students, ESD officials recommend at least two instructors for the ESD Pre-School Program.

**Program Operation Information**

- Hours: 3 to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Program operates on school district calendar.
- Costs: \$165 per month for each student.
- Programming: Provides structured activities, in enrichment, academic, recreation and social skills instruction.
- Staffing: Background in early childhood development. Staffing ratio is 1:8, which provides small group instruction to better meet the needs of the students that are being served.

**School Hours of Operations at Paloma Creek and Cross Oaks**

- **Half-day programs:** 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. (morning sessions)  
12 p.m. to 3 p.m. (afternoon sessions)
- **Full-day programs:** 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Extended School Day:** 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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