

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

April 21, 2015

Early Childhood Update

Board Goals: *In pursuit of excellence, the District will:*

- Demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources.
- Remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus

Purpose of Report: To present the DISD Trustees with a report on current Early Childhood programs in DISD, particularly PreK, as well as seek direction on possible adjustments to the program. This report will focus upon updates regarding the recent expansion of the PreK program to campuses in Denton ISD, current enrollment / growth of the program, the partnership with Fred Moore Day Nursery to form FM@G, and possible expansion of services and partnerships.

Objectives

- To provide the board with information regarding the impact of PreK expansion, as requested by the Board in Spring 2014, including
 - current PreK enrollment / growth of service
 - update on FM@G program
 - possible new partnerships in place to impact PreK instruction
- To seek the guidance of the board on additional areas of focus for the PreK Study Group

Operational Impact The district would face financial investment to continue expansion efforts for PreK. Planning indicates that additional staff costs would be offset by enrollment numbers. Pending legislation makes financial forecasting inaccurate; a close eye will be kept on this and prompt responses will occur when funding levels are finalized.

Results A significant growth in the number of PreK students being served has been noted as a result of expansion and partnership efforts.

The district has sought partnerships with local agencies to expand services. The district's initial partnership with Fred Moore Day School has shown exceptional results. A possible partnership with Denton City County Day School will allow additional students to be served. The Study Group will continue to pursue these options, having begun by providing professional development for local entities serving young children.

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Other Options The Board could determine that current programming is viable. The Board could direct the PreK Study Group to investigate other options not listed here.