

## **General Education Update for meeting on 7/19/18:**

### **Summer Literacy Kickoff**

- HCISD hosted Summer Literacy Kickoff, a professional learning event for Prekindergarten through fifth grade educators on June 18. 35 in county teachers participated in learning sessions lead by 7 local literacy coaches and educators. A variety of breakout sessions were offered for educators to choose from. [Summer Literacy Kickoff Flyer](#)

### **Summer P.L.A.Y/Literacy Pop Up Events**

- We held our first Summer P.L.A.Y. (Parents Learning About Young Children) group on June 14th at Baw Beese. Records show we had 64 people in attendance with 44 of those attendees being children! We have 2 more daytime P.L.A.Y events and 2 evening Literacy Pop Ups to engage families in literacy and learning this summer. Each event is centered around a children's book with a variety of activities for families to engage in. [Summer Fun in Hillsdale County](#)

### **Critical Friends Training**

- The Great Start Collaborative Director along with 3 subcommittee chairs (representing three agencies) participated in a 5 day training event in Ann Arbor on July 9-13, focused around enhancing small and large group facilitation skills. The group is anxious to bring back and begin to put into practice some of the learned skills.

### **GSRP Update**

- The first wave of rollouts for GSRP is well underway. We are currently accepting students up to 150% of poverty during this initial phase. 93 students have been accepted thus far into programs across the county and will continue to be accepted as families apply. August 1st begins the 2nd phase of rollouts for students up to 250% poverty. Over income students as well as children who are income eligible and turn 4 years of age between Sept 1st and December 1st will be considered for available slots on September 1st as directed by legislation.

### **MDE Strategic Planning Participation**

- On July 11 and 12 Jonathan participated in an MDE strategic planning process in which MDE objectives aligned to the ESSA plan for the top 10 in 10 were reviewed and strategies were developed collaboratively with other instructional leaders from across the state. The process proved helpful for both instructional leaders and MDE leaders as a better understanding of the objectives, challenges, and expectations were clarified and strategies developed.