

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT
Department of Early Childhood Education
March 6th, 2019

The 2018-2019 Early Head Start/Head Start Self-Assessment has been completed. No areas of non-compliance or significant findings were identified. However, as a result of the Self-Assessment, an Action Plan has been created to address continuous quality improvement in areas it is felt the program could improve. A copy of the Self-Assessment Report and Action Plan has been placed in the Board of Education meeting packet.

Casey will be making a request for approval of out of state/overnight travel for himself to attend the Head Start-Region 5 Organizational Design Institute. The conference will be held in Chicago Ill, and will take place April 15th-17th, 2019.

The Norway childcare licensing renewal visit occurred in February. The childcare license has been renewed for two years (February 2021) at the center.

The 2019-2020 Early Head Start/Head Start grant application is due April 1st. Casey and Jennifer met with the Finance Committee prior to the Board meeting to present the budget and program information. Casey also met with the Curriculum Committee prior to the Board meeting to share Long Term Goals and to receive input from the Committee on the proposed goals. Casey will request that the Board approve submission of the grant proposal and will seek appropriate signatures from the Board President.

A joint Early Childhood/Kindergarten registration event will be held at each center during the month of March. In addition, local districts will begin to visit our classrooms in March/April in an effort to gain knowledge regarding children that will be transitioning to their district.

The Great Start Readiness- Early Childhood Spring MSDS Collection was submitted in mid-February. A total of 93 children were reported as served across the consortium (DIISD, Forest Park School District and West Iron County School District) during the 2018-2019 program year.

The Great Start Readiness –School Readiness Advisory Committee will be meeting on March 11th. At this meeting, several program policies and procedures will be revised and the slot distribution plan for the 2019-2020 GSRP Funding Application will be determined. The Funding Application is due March 27th.

A total of 50 pregnant women/children were enrolled in Early Head Start in February 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 continue to accept and review applications. A total of 1615 breakfasts, 2280 lunches and 961 snacks were served in January.