Executive Summary Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting December 11, 2012

Denton ISD- Community Partnership for School Readiness

Board Goal:

- IV. Parent and Community Involvement... In pursuit of excellence, the district will:
 - foster a positive and welcoming environment that encourages parent and community partnerships to achieve success for all our students
 - establish and promote programs to develop and enhance parenting skills and participation in the schools
 - provide support services and promote health, wellness and safety for students and families

Purpose of Report

The report is to share how Denton ISD and the United Way has partnered with the City of Denton and a number of community organizations in an effort to work collaboratively in helping area children become "school ready."

<u>Objectives</u>

- Share the plans of the collaboration
- Share a list of participating partners
- Share the "ReadyRosie" program, a daily email for parents of children from 0-5 years old. The email includes a very short video clip that can be used for parents in teaching school readiness skills in English and Spanish (demo will be included in the workshop)
- Potential number of children in age span is from 9,000-11,000.

Operational Impact

Denton ISD will be funding the effort with Title I federal dollars. Additionally, Denton ISD staff will be organizing registration processes, enlisting volunteers and partners, and coordinating events that would facilitate registration and marketing the opportunity to our community. The cost is approximately \$30,000.

<u>Results</u>

School readiness is one of the predictors for school success. The earlier the community provides "readiness" resources to as many parents as possible the opportunity to mitigate learning deficits is increased before a child reaches the schoolhouse door.

Other Options

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