

ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: April 9, 2012

AGENDA ITEM No. 12-04-10

ACTION ITEM: (Y/N) N

SUBJECT: Pre-K Program Update

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ATTACHMENTS: 1. Demographic Report for Orange County Schools Title I/Exceptional Children's Pre-K Programs
2. 2011-2012 Pre-Kindergarten Programs At-A-Glance

PURPOSE: To provide the Board of Education with an update on Orange County Schools Pre-K Programs.

BACKGROUND:

- Due to state funding cuts, the Title I Pre-K / Blended Program for the 2011-12 school year was decreased from five classrooms to four. The classes are located in four elementary schools. They are Efland-Cheeks (1 class), Central Elementary (1 class), New Hope (1 class), Pathways (1 class). The programs can serve up to a total of 70 students. Of that number, up to 16 of the students (4 in each Pre-K classroom) can be provided services in collaboration with the Exceptional Children's program. A demographic breakdown of current students has been attached to this abstract.

There are two Exceptional Children's Pre-K classrooms. One is located at Pathways Elementary School. It is a Self-Contained Classroom that can serve up to eight students and the other class located at Grady A. Brown serves the district's autistic students.
- All staff have been hired and paid for through funding from Title I, Exceptional Children, and North Carolina Pre-K (NCPK) dollars. There are 12 staff members in Pre -K Title I / Blended classrooms. All classrooms serve students with disabilities. The funding for the 12 staff is as follows: 4 teachers are funded through a blend of Title I and NCPK dollars, 4 teacher assistants are funded through a blend of Title I and NCPK dollars and 4 teacher assistants are funded through Exceptional Children funds and serve students in the Title I/NCPK/EC classes based on developmental needs.
- Each Pre-K class provides on-site training and activities based on the identified interest of families. Two Family Outreach Events are held in the evening offering literacy and math workshops. Teachers also make at least 2 home visits for the children they serve.
- All Pre-K Sites are 5-Star Licensed Classrooms. Three of the district's Pre-K classrooms will have their Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale (ECERS) Review. The window for the unannounced ECERS Review visits is mid April to early May, 2012
- Chapel Hill Training and Outreach Project and Orange County Schools are working as partners to provide Pre-K services for 54 Head Start children and their families. This partnership is working smoothly. We have combined professional development for teachers and health

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services for students. There are currently three Head Start classes which are located at Central, Efland Cheeks, and Pathways Elementary Schools.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Title I Pre-K Program

Title I	\$220,266.00
NCPK	\$211,253.00
Exceptional Children	\$97,472.00
Tuition	\$6,800.00
Total Expenditures	\$535,791.00

*Funding for each child in the Title I Pre-K Program is \$3,772.00 per child.

Exceptional Children's Self-Contained Pre-K Classes	
Total Expenditures	\$ 456,209.28

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education receive the Pre-K update for review and discussion.

Demographic Report for Orange County Schools Title I/Exceptional Children's Pre-K Programs 2011-2012

Title I Programs-Gender

	Central	Efland	New Hope	Pathways	Total
Male	10	6	10	9	35
Female	8	9	8	7	32

Total 67

Title I Programs-Ethnicity

	Central	Efland Cheeks	New Hope	Pathways	Total
African American	6	10	2	2	20
Hispanic	4	0	9	1	14
Native American	0	0	0	0	0
White	8	3	7	12	30
Other: Burmese* Ethiopian**	0	2*	0	1**	3

Total 67

Students with Disabilities Served in the Title I Pre-K Programs

Central	Efland	New Hope	Pathways	Total
4	4	4	3	15

Exceptional Children's Self-Contained Pre-K Class at Grady A. Brown Elementary-Gender and Ethnicity (Autism)

	Male	Female	Total
African American	1	0	1
Hispanic	2	1	3
Native American	0	0	0
White	0	1	1

Total 5

Exceptional Children's Self-Contained Pre-K Class at Pathways Elementary-Gender and Ethnicity

	Male	Female	Total
African American	0	0	0
Hispanic	1	0	1
Native American	0	0	0
White	4	0	4

Total 5

2011 – 2012 Demographic data for Blended Pre-K students in OCS

- 83.5% of the children live in homes where neither parent has a high school diploma or a GED
- 79.7% of the children come from homes that live at or below the poverty level
- 64.0% of the children are experiencing a developmental delay
- 26.5% of the children speak English as a second language (English Language Learners-ELL)

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2011-2012 PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS
AT-A-GLANCE**

SITE	CENTRAL	EFLAND-CHEEKS	GRADY BROWN	NEW HOPE	PATHWAYS
LICENSING	Licensed	Licensed	Temporary License	Licensed	Licensed
NO. AND TYPE OF PREK CLASSROOMS	1 District PreK 1 Headstart	1 District PreK 1 Headstart	1 District PreK (Autistic Class)	1 District PreK	1 District PreK 1 District PreK EC 1 Headstart
FUNDING	District operated NCPreK Title I EC Some possible tuition slots Headstart flow through dollars	District operated NCPreK Title I Headstart flow through dollars	Exceptional Children	District operated NCPreK Title I EC	District operated NCPreK Title I EC Headstart flow through dollars
PREK PERSONNEL	Headstart: Lead Teacher: Savannah Gaylord TA: Anne Vanhook TA: Elanza Lozano de Landeros District #1: Lead Teacher: Teresa Milton TA: Natasha Williams TA: Robin Barnhill	Headstart: Lead Teacher: Desiree Wiley TA: Terry Newton TA: Andrea Cuzco District: Lead Teacher: Susan Banks TA: Alicia Brown TA: Alicia Wright	District EC (Autistic): Lead Teacher: Susan Wilson TA: Amanda Chapman	District: Lead Teacher: Pam Zornick TA: Vonnie Jordan TA: Giomaris Boyd	Headstart: Lead Teacher: Veronica Fleming TA: Denise Mullimax TA: Leticia Lozano District #1: Lead Teacher: Sara Winters TA: Rusty Sharpe TA: Cynthia Kenion District EC #2: Lead Teacher: Leah Waldrop TA: Deborah Golobisky TA: Kimberly Copeland
STUDENT INFO	HeadStart: 18 students	HeadStart: 18 students	District EC: 8 students	District: 18 students**	HeadStart: 18 students
*Available Slots	District: 18 students**	District: 16 students**			District: 18 students** District EC: 5 students

**indicates 4 slots included for PreK Exceptional Children's Students