

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Topic: Early Childhood Program Updates

#### Short Summary:

Arkansas Better Chance increased the number of slots for the LRSD Early Childhood Program. An additional grant was awarded to retain more than 250 current slots for children; thereby, affording LRSD the opportunity to continue providing quality early learning experiences to over 1700 P3 and P4 children.

#### Background:

ABC funds 1234 pre-k slots in LRSD for families that meet the eligibility requirements. There are over 1700 Pre-K children served in LRSD.

#### Evaluation:

Daily attendance is a requirement. Student attendance will be monitored weekly.

#### Recommendation:

- Action Steps for Board of Education
  - Consider if community or staff needs to see this.

#### Action Steps to be taken:

Identifying eligible families and monitoring attendance weekly.  
Assigning eligible families to slots when they become vacant.  
Submitting attendance data to DHS monthly.

#### Strategic Plan Alignment:

Staffing an Enrollment Specialist in the Early Childhood department to monitor attendance and collect payment, if needed.

#### Key Points:

Grant Awards (additional slots added)  
Additional Funding Source and requirements  
Professional Development Opportunities (New Grant Requirements)

#### Key Players:

Mr. Mike Poore  
Ms. Esther Jones  
Dr. Ericka McCarroll

#### Fiscal Impact

Eligibility and daily attendance will impact funding.

**Critical questions for Board to consider:**

**How are we fiscally managing the remaining pre-k slots that are not meeting income eligibility and other requirements?**

**REFERENCES: (List titles of relevant background reports/source materials and include location of the documents.)**

**Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_**

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