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: ___________ Submitted by: ____________________