MKE Early Childhood Initiative Update

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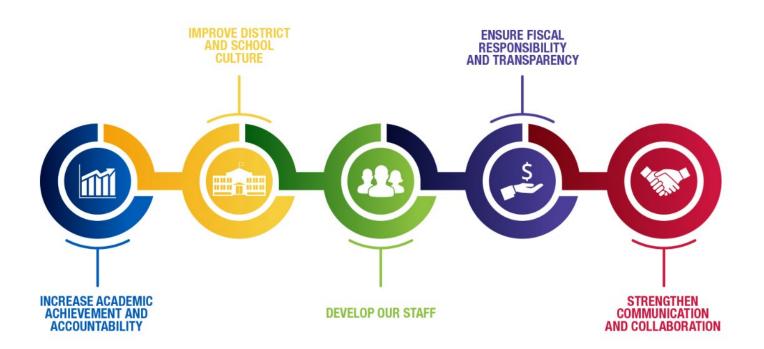
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Early Childhood Initiative Purpose

Mission: To ensure all educators directly impacting our students' learning possess the understanding, skill set, knowledge base, capacity and resources needed to provide high-quality instruction to all students participating in early childhood education programs.

Vision: All students participating in MPS-EC will be adequately prepared to ensure they achieve grade-level proficiency in reading, writing and math by third grade.



Early Childhood Initiative Overview

- Background
 - Historical information
 - Student population of Milwaukee County
 - Identification of need
- Rationale
 - Research base
- Collaborative Efforts



Early Childhood Initiative Elements

Element	Description
Instruction	To ensure that high-quality, research-based instruction is provided for all early childhood students
Family Support	To provide families support as students transition from early care centers to MPS (kindergarten)
Social/Emotional Learning (SEL) and Cultural and Linguistic Needs	To provide support to address SEL as well as the cultural and linguistic needs of students to mitigate all challenges that could potentially impede educational development
Early Childhood Staff Development	To provide high-quality professional learning opportunities for all early childhood care providers and educators
Equitable Resources	To assure that early childhood programs are equitably equipped with resources to meet the needs of the children and families they serve

Early Childhood Initiative Quick Wins

- Strategic plan development
 - Scope of the initiative
- Collaborative efforts
 - Weekly/Monthly meetings
 - Frog Street professional development
 - Additional resources
 - State collaboration
- Research analysis
 - Best practices



Early Childhood Initiative Next Steps

Workgroup collaboration

- Engaging stakeholders
- Identifying resource needs
- Reviewing and revising goals
- · Ongoing opportunities for professional development
- Aligning school and community resources

Strategic plan execution

- Increasing 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CLC) certification by Young Star
- Expanding/Maximizing full day K3 programming
- Aligning of Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards (WMELS)
- Aligning of core curriculum to Common Core State Standards (CCSS)
- · Implementing instructional practices with fidelity

Strategic plan monitoring

- Communicating and ensuring alignment
- · Focusing on the identified goals/elements
- Ensuring accountability
- Producing action oriented results
- Monitoring progress



Thank you.

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