



Board of Commissioners

Special Work Session Agenda

Monday, June 24, 2019 –10:00 a.m.
Wake County Justice Center, Room 2800

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Chair Jessica Holmes

I. State of Pre-K in Wake County

Gayle Headen, Wake County Smart Start

Wake County provides funding to Smart Start to cover reimbursement rate differences for 1,650 NC Pre-K slots. Wake County Smart Start is a recognized leader in early childhood development. Along with investments in early education, health, and family support services, Wake County Smart Start works to improve the early childhood system. Wake County Smart Start provides expertise, guidance, and infrastructure so that children receive the care and nurturing they need to thrive.

Attachments:

1. Presentation

II. Pre-K Research

Jim Hansen, PNC Financial Services
Susan Gates, SAS

Jim Hansen and Susan Gates will provide comments on four NC Pre-K studies. The General Assembly recently released an evaluation of high performing schools and the value of NC Pre-K. The National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) completed a study in 2018 in collaboration with PNC Financial Services and SAS that looked at the barriers to expansion of Pre-K in North Carolina. The Business Roundtable (BRT) study focused on the need to improve third grade literacy scores. Duke University completed a study on the impact of NC Pre-K in December 2018.

A system engineer from SAS will demonstrate a dashboard containing detailed data on all 100 North Carolina counties, including the number of 4-year old children, percentages served, what type of sites are delivering services, and the ethnicity of those served vs. not served.

Attachments:

1. Summary NC General Assembly Evaluation Disadvantaged Schools Report
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3. NIEER Report Barrier to Pre-K Expansion
4. Summary BRT Literacy Report
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6. Duke NC Pre-K Study



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III. Legislative Update *Chris Dillon, Wake County*

Update on State legislation and funding regarding NC Pre-K.