



DATE: June 21, 2022

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Mrs. Carmen Ghysels, Superintendent Chief Learning Officer

SUBJECT: Presentation of the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Planning and Implementation Grant Program

PRESENTED BY: Kerstin Kramer, Incoming Executive Director Educational Services

ACTION REQUESTED

Information only - Presentation of the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Planning and Implementation Grant Program

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

California is poised to realize universal prekindergarten (UPK) for all four-year-old children and to expand services for three-year-old children through bold leadership and the unprecedented investments in the Budget Act of 2021, including universal transitional kindergarten (UTK) and expansion of the California State Preschool Program (CSPP).

The 2021–22 State Budget package established the UPK Planning and Implementation Grant Program as a state early learning initiative with the goal of expanding access to prekindergarten programs at local educational agencies (LEAs). As a condition of receiving grant funds, state law requires each LEA to create a plan articulating, how all children in the attendance area of the LEA will have access to full-day learning programs the year before kindergarten that meet the needs of parents, including through partnerships with the LEA’s expanded learning offerings, the After-School Education and Safety Program, the California state preschool program, Head Start programs, and other community-based early learning and care programs (EC Section 8281.5).

Under state law, the plan must be developed for consideration by the LEA’s governing board or body at a public meeting on or before June 30, 2022, after which the LEA must provide data, as specified by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, to the CDE. The CDE must encumber funds by June 30, 2024. LEAs will have until June 30, 2025, to use the funds.

RESOURCES REQUIRED: N/A

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Attachments:

- Presentation
- Universal Prekindergarten Planning and Implementation Grant