



Early Childhood Department

Report to the EUPISD Board of Education

EASTERN UPPER PENINSULA
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

November 2022

Child Care Updates

Facilities Grants

On November 7th, grants for new & expanding child care programs will be released. Grants are available for child care entrepreneurs who:

- Have not yet completed the process of becoming licensed will have access to funding for securing a location, fire and health inspections, and items necessary for opening their business.
- Were recently licensed to help with classroom supplies, staff recruitment, and other costs associated with opening a new business.

Regional Childcare Planning Grants

I am partnering with U.P. Michigan Works and the Upper Peninsula Childcare Task Force to support a proposal for a Regional Child Care Planning grant to support efforts across the upper peninsula.

Outdoor Story Walks



St. Ignace Story Walk has been installed at the Red, White, and Blue Park and the boardwalk splash pad.

The Sault Story Walk is back up and running after some of the signs were vandalized earlier this fall.

All five locations (Sault, Pickford, Rudyard, Cedarville, St. Ignace) have new fall books for families to enjoy.

Division Early Childhood (DEC) Conference

Rachel Denis, Brittany Stabile, Cara LaFaver, and Cassie Davis recently attended the DEC Conference in Chicago. The focus of conference was integrating research and practice in early childhood intervention. Thank you to the board for supporting our staff with continuous and quality professional learning opportunities.

Staffing Update

Needs

- Speech therapist – Early On
- Child care assistants - Twp.
- Site supervisor – Soo Twp.

Board Agenda Items

Contract Approvals

- Northern Early Childhood Support Network (NECSN) and Michigan Dept. of Education annual contract renewal.
- NECSN and 4C of the UP (Upper Peninsula Resource Center) annual contract renewal.
- NECSN and Crawford-Oscoda-Ogemaw-Roscommon (COOR-ISD) (Northeast Resource Center) annual contract renewal.
- NECSN and United Way of Northwest Michigan (Northwest Resource Center) annual contract renewal.
- EUPISD and LSSU amendment to the Preschool Agreement.

Approval to Purchase

- Office partitions for expanded office space in Considine Hall.

Family Engagement



JOIN OUR VIRTUAL PLAYGROUP ON NOVEMBER 17TH @ 4:30

Topic: Writing and Colors
Activity: Turkey Coffee Filters

Kit provided includes story and activity.
Contact us on Facebook for more information or questions.
Playgroup runs about 30-45 minutes.

Register before November 10th:
<https://forms.gle/bRE76EqWxunzD2rf6>

The playgroup and associated materials are provided by the EUPISD and funded with grants from the Michigan Department of Education

The graphic features several small images: a child writing, a row of colored pencils, a turkey, a turkey coffee filter, a turkey and pumpkins, and a child's drawing. Logos for 'BEST STAR COLLABORATION Eastern Upper Peninsula' and 'TALK READ SING .ORG Teaching by the Arts' are also present.