

**EOEL Updates - for the Early Learning Board Meeting, September 10, 2020**  
(as of September 4, 2020)

## **2020 Legislation**

- 1) EOEL is still awaiting funds for the classroom-level positions (direct instructional staff for the EOEL Public Pre-K Program) that the Governor has promised to restore. EOEL is fronting the funds in the meantime.
  
- 2) H.B. No. 1346 (suspension and expulsion in the EOEL Public Pre-K Program)
  - This item was not included on the Governor’s Intent to Veto list.
  - The bill will become law by Sept. 15 at the latest (if it becomes law without Governor’s signature).
  
- 3) H.B. No. 2543 (access to early learning bill in joint House-Senate-Governor package)
  - This item was not included on the Governor’s Intent to Veto list.
  - The bill will become law by Sept. 15 at the latest (if it becomes law without Governor’s signature).

## **Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) Initial Grant**

- **Needs Assessment (Activity 1).** Another reminder that the [reports](#) are live on the EOEL website, under the “Resources” tab. Please share.
- **Strategic Planning (Activity 2).**
  - The strategic implementation plans, summaries, and other supporting documents are going through graphic treatment. When complete, EOEL will be able to post this information on the EOEL website. We have slightly extended the timeline by one month and all tasks within this activity are scheduled to be completed in September.
  - Planning for champion reengagement is close to being completed. As next steps, champions can expect a survey and presentation of our approach soon. Following with an invitation a kick-off virtual engagement session with champions in October (TBA).
- **Improving Overall Quality (Activity 5).** RFP for a vendor to complete web platform designing task has been posted, next step is to initiate bidding process. Task under this activity are till December 2020.

## **EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program**

### *DOE Department Schools*

- **New classrooms and new teaching staff:** Because of the current pandemic, EOEL has been exploring ways to adapt in providing the range of coaching, consultation, and guidance that is typically provided for new classrooms and new staff.
- **COVID-19 Supplies:** Continuation of ordering, packing, and distribution to schools
- **Funds for schools:** Allocation of administrative and classroom funds to schools

- Connecting virtually with families (distance learning)
  - Consultation and guidance related to virtual home-school connections; preparation of family packets for classrooms to distribute to parents/guardians
  - Information related to online connections with families was shared with the schools in August.

**DOE Department Schools – Privately funded Pre-K**

- We continue to work with Kamehameha Schools and the DOE to develop a MOA for School Year 2020-2021 for 6 classrooms.

**Charter Schools – programs for 3-year-olds**

- MOA between EOEL and Kamehameha Schools for Ka ‘Umeke Kā‘eo Kai Koholā Preschool
  - The MOA for SY2019-2020 has been executed.
  - The MOA for SY2020-2021 is pending the outcome of H.B. No. 2543, which would make the Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission the administrative authority for private partnership-funded preschool programs in the charter schools.

**Head Start State Collaboration Office**

**Memoranda of Understanding**

*HIDOE Special Education:*

- MOU Addendum to support preschool inclusion was signed by HIDOE Superintendent and recently distributed to Head Start (HS) programs/posted on HIDOE Memos and Notices.
- Addendum includes sections on: data-sharing (child assessment information) between HS and DOE Special Education Teachers; DHS annual training requirements around health and safety; DHS background clearances for preschool inclusion staff.
- HS operates 30 preschool inclusion classrooms in partnership with HIDOE statewide

*EOEL:*

- MOU between EOEL and Hawaii Head Start is to support coordination and collaboration around 4-year-old programming between EOEL and the 4 HS grantees.
- Sections include cross-referrals, eligibility criteria, expansion considerations, transition between programs, sharing of resources
- Status: Signature pages from Head Start CEOs are being collected to send to AG before final MOU sign-off.

**Grant Activities**

- Submitted 2019-2020 Year-End Fiscal and Progress Narrative Report in July

**Miscellaneous**

- Updated HSCO information on EOEL website

## **Recruitment for EOEL Positions**

No current recruitment

*Note: To be “posted internally” means applications will be accepted from individuals who are currently DOE employees. If candidates are not hired through the internal process, the position may be posted externally (i.e., may become available to non-DOE employees).*

## **EOEL Resources**

As a reminder, following are some of the resources we’ve created with ELB’s support for EOEL as an information hub as part of its responsibility to coordinate the early childhood system. Please share widely with your networks.

- COVID-19 Resources for Families & Providers:  
<https://sites.google.com/eoel.hawaii.gov/covid-19/home>
- EOEL’s “Little Ones” e-newsletter: sign up on EOEL’s COVID-19 resources page.