

EOEL Updates - for the Early Learning Board Meeting, June 10, 2021
(as of June 3, 2021)

2021 Legislation

- *Important Upcoming Dates*
 - If the Governor signs a bill by July 6, 2021, the bill becomes law. If the Governor does not sign nor veto a bill by July 6, 2021, the bill becomes law.
 - The Governor must inform the Legislature of his intent to veto bills by June 21, 2021 and must deliver the veto by July 6, 2021.
 - The Legislature must convene in special session at or before noon on July 6, 2021 to override the Governor's veto.

EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program

- *DOE Department Schools*

Current plans to transition into SY 21-22 are as follows:

 - Begin the year with **no more than 10 children per group, with the intention to increase the maximum enrollment to 20 children** based on health and safety parameters established by CDC, DOH, DHS, DOE, and the Governor.
 - EOEL places the health and safety needs of children and staff at the forefront. Because 6-foot distancing is still required for young children during rest/nap and meal times when masks cannot be worn, we cannot move directly back to enrolling 20 children yet. If there are changes to the health and safety guidance regarding this over the coming months, we will revisit and reconsider changes to the number of children that can be enrolled.
 - Children and staff will still be required to **wear masks, follow handwashing/hygiene protocols, and screen children** as established for this school year. If there are changes to any health and safety guidance regarding these, we will revisit these expectations/protocols and reconsider changes.
 - If individual classroom and/or campus space allows schools to accommodate more than 10 children while maintaining six feet distance during rest/nap, we will work with individual schools to establish a higher maximum enrollment number.
- *DOE Department Schools—Privately Funded Pre-K*

KS funds routed to respective schools for SY 20-21.

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

- *Strategic Planning (Activity 2)*
 - **Strategic Implementation Plans (SIPs).** Those interested in obtaining a packet may contact Alohi Maiava at alohilani.maiava@eoel.hawaii.gov. The plans can also be viewed on www.earlychildhoodhawaii.com.
 - **Champion reengagement.** Efforts to re-engage with the six SIPs are on-going. To ensure there is adequate time for this process, the target date to complete re-engagement has been moved back 3 months from June to August. EOEL is continuing to solicit feedback on the Program Performance Evaluation (PPE) Plan

and is nearing completion. We also continue to provide technical assistance and convening support to Champion groups that have requested that support.

- *Improving Overall Quality (Activity 5)*
 - Please visit www.earlychildhood.com and share the link to the website with partners, stakeholders and families.
 - EOEL has begun efforts to expand the website by including a workforce support section with a target date to launch at the end of this summer. The first intended users of these specific webpages will be those who are seeking to further their education. We continue to develop the overall vision for this website and have begun collecting feedback, in addition to researching ways to effectively expand the website.
 - EOEL also continues to monitor site usage through Google Analytics.
- *Program Performance Evaluation (PPE) Plan*
 - Efforts to finalize this plan are on-going. Input from SIP Champions and their partners is still being considered. Next steps include the review and consideration of what feedback to include in the Program Performance Evaluation Plan documents.
- *2021 PDG B-5 All State Virtual Convening Announcement*
 - Hawaii has been invited to the PDG B-5 All-State Virtual Convening from October 18-21, 2021.
 - We ask ELB members to complete a survey to provide feedback on which topics we should consider prioritizing for our state and to collect information from those who may be interested to attend. <https://forms.gle/6QET7EDegzEPMPfi9>
 - For more information regarding the virtual convening, visit this site: https://web.cvent.com/event/59471aee-03c6-4b29-ad0d-f12ab2009d30/summary?locale=en-US&i=zrObOsAfvEST5_4lHZzh1g

Head Start State Collaboration Office (HSSCO)

- *Memoranda of Understanding*
 - The MOU between the Head Start Association of Hawaii (HSAH) and the Hawaii Head Start State Collaboration Office was approved as to form by the Deputy Attorney General (Education Division) on May 26 and was subsequently signed by all parties on May 28. This document will ensure that shared goals between the two entities will continue to be implemented, despite transitions and turnover in leadership over the years.
 - Seven (7) state-level MOUs are currently in place between Hawaii HS/EHS grantees and the DOH, DOE and DHS. A recent review of the MOUs determined that no updates or revisions were needed at this time. Implementation issues are addressed between individual grantees and state partners, with the support of the HHSSCO as needed.
- *Grant Activities*
 - The HHSSCO 2021-2022 refunding application, which includes a new five-year work plan, is currently being reviewed by the OHS Regional Office. The new grant year begins on July 1. A year-end progress summary report for the 2020-2021 grant year is due to OHS by July 30, 2021.

- *Miscellaneous*
 - New Pre-Plus Child Development Services contracts for SY 2021-2022 were approved as to form by the Deputy AG's office. One contract has been executed. The other is pending final review by a Deputy AG due to a needed change in one of the documents and should be sent back to EOEL within the week.
 - The OHS Region 9 is planning an "Open House" event with the new OHS Director, Dr. Bernaine Futrell on June 8th. Head Start Association Leadership and HS Collab Directors in Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada will be participating in this welcoming and information-sharing event.