



Garrett County Public Schools

PILLAR I UPDATE

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE

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PK 3 Collaborative



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- PK 3 classrooms
- Collaborative classrooms
- Local providers
- Professional Development
- Child Development Associate
- Universal enrollment
- KRA scores on the rise
- Model for other districts



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PILLAR I – GROWING IN WISDOM






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Questions or Comments?

Thank you!



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Pillar One: Early Childhood Education


Goals



- Expand access to free high-quality and publicly funded full-day pre-K for all 4-year-old children and eligible 3-year-old children so that all children can begin kindergarten ready to learn
- Increase the number of high-quality private pre-K providers and qualified educators
- Ensure a unified and common enrollment process for pre-K
- Increase supports for young children and their families
- Improve student readiness for kindergarten



Focus of Current Committee Work

| Collaboration | Professional Development | Added Supports |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase collaboration between GCPS, local agencies, and private providers to develop plans to expand full-day pre-K for all 4-year-olds and eligible 3-year-olds• Collaborate with all educational partners (public/private) and educators to develop action steps to decrease readiness gaps in Kindergarten students• Increase collaboration between local agencies and GCPS to ensure students and their families have access to comprehensive services (e.g., school psychologist, vision screening, etc.) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create supports to ensure pre-K teachers are highly trained and supported to identify and address learning needs early• Partner with Garrett College to ensure all pre-K Instructional Assistants earn a Child Development Associates Certificate or an Associates Degree to meet the qualifications criteria• Expand learning opportunities for all providers to support kindergarten readiness for all students <h4>Enrollment</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analyze and refine the enrollment process to align with Blueprint criteria, ensuring a unified and common enrollment process for all eligible students | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase awareness of the Child Find process and provide increased support for students with disabilities• Increase Judy Center and other partner support services for families and children from birth through kindergarten• Expand outreach and support for private providers to become eligible providers |





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