

Fresno Unified School District
Board Communication

BC Number EA-2

From the Office of the Superintendent
To the Members of the Board of Education
Prepared by: Deanna Mathies, Executive Officer,
Cabinet Approval:

Date: January 24, 2020

Phone Number: 457-3687

Regarding: Early Learning Developmental Screeners Update

The purpose of this communication is to provide the Board an update on the progress of the implementation of developmental screeners for *all* children participating in Fresno Unified School District Early Learning programs. Screening children's development early highlights their developmental progress and, in some cases, areas of potential concern. This provides a window of opportunity to respond to children of concern while supporting children who are developmentally on track.

- During the 2018/19 School Year, 1,107 children were screened for possible developmental delays
- Beginning in the 2019/20 School Year, all classrooms have provided parents an Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ-3) and an Ages & Stages Questionnaire: Social Emotional (ASQ:SE-2) developmental screening, resulting in the completion of 1,905 ASQ-3s & 1,593 ASQ:SE-2s
- All teachers were provided an ASQ Family Access link, that allows parents to complete the screenings online. Hard copies of ASQ screenings were distributed to address individual family needs (no or limited access to internet, comfort of use, adult developmental delay, etc.)
- The information gathered from the developmental screeners will be compiled in the ASQ Online System, which links to a referral platform to ensure that follow-up care coordination for children and families occurs

In summary, the ASQ completion rate has increased by 72%. It is anticipated that the number of total completed screenings will continue to increase into the 2020/21 School Year.

If you have further questions or require additional information, please contact Lindsay Sanders at (559) 457-3471.

Approved by Superintendent
Robert G. Nelson Ed.D.




Date:

1/24/2020

Fresno Unified School District
Board Communication

BC Number EA-2

From the Office of the Superintendent
To the Members of the Board of Education
Prepared by: Deanna Mathies, Executive Officer, Early Learning
Cabinet Approval: 

Date: February 07, 2020

Phone Number: 457-3687

Regarding: Language Learning Project

The purpose of this communication is to provide the Board an update on the progress of the Language Learning Project, funded by the California Department of Education (CDE), Early Learning and Care Division from the Child Care and Development Fund.

The goal of the Language Learning Project is to improve professional development and training for early learning educators to better support the needs of young Dual Language Learners (DLLs).

To date, we have supported Kern County and Tulare County in hosting five Saturday Professional Development Trainings, with a total of 128 participants. These trainings include teachers, teacher assistants, coaches, and administrators.

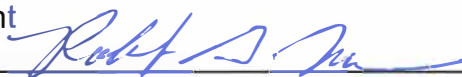
There are four Leadership Orientation trainings scheduled for Spring 2020 across the State of California, with 240 administrators and coaches expected to participate in the orientations. The intention of the Leadership Orientations is to disseminate the Dual Language Learner Toolkit to agencies and communities across California providing guidance on serving young Dual Language Learners and their families.

The Language Learning Project Professional Development sessions and Language Learning Leadership Orientations are based on the innovative practices— including Personalized Oral Language(s) Learning (POLL) strategies, which are concrete approaches that support learning in all environments for children ages birth to five. The toolkit was developed by early childhood experts, including Dr. Linda Espinosa, Dr. Sue Bredekamp, Dr. Carola Oliva -Olson, Elizabeth Magruder, Whitcomb Hayslip and the Early Learning Department in FUSD.

Results of the project evaluation led by CDE is to be delivered June 2020.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Lindsay Sanders at 457-3471.

Approved by Superintendent
Robert G. Nelson Ed.D.



Date: 2/7/2020