

REPORT SUMMARY SHEET

BOARD MEETING DATE: 3/18/2019

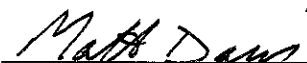
TITLE AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Early Childhood/Parents as Teachers

ACTION DESIRED: Approval

BACKGROUND: Eldon R-1 employs two full time Parent Educators. Parent Educators provide services to over 200 families. Of these families, 40% would be considered high need and 60% would be considered a non-high need family. Parent Educators provide approximately 350 yearly personal visits to families on their assigned caseload, sharing developmental information and addressing parent concerns. They plan and facilitate 2 group activities per year. They plan and facilitate an additional 12 teen groups meetings and 8 playgroups per year. Parent Educators provide screening services to approximately 200 children per year ages birth to Kindergarten entry. These screenings are instrumental in providing early detection of developmental delays leading to early intervention. Much of the cost associated with the PAT program is state funded. The district does fund approximately one quarter of the cost. An extensive body of research indicates that high quality early intervention for at-risk infants, toddlers and young children and their families is a sound economic investment. Studies have found a number of long-term cost savings in terms of decreased grade repetition, reduced special education spending, enhanced productivity, lower welfare costs, increased tax revenues, and lower juvenile justice costs.

RECOMMENDATION: Continued employment of two full time Parent Educators
Continued district financial support of the PAT program.

SUPERINTENDENT'S APPROVAL:



For the purpose of submitting report