



County of Jackson Strategic Planning Education Team

Date:	Time:	Next Meeting:
October 25, 2010	7:30 a.m.	The next meeting will be held December 7, 2010 at 7:30 a.m.

MATH SUMMIT

- 77 were in attendance
- Areas of focus:
 - Cognitive skills needed to learn math
 - Math education
 - Workgroups
 - Professional development for teachers
- This is on-going
- Expecting to get back together in February to see where we are
- Summer workshops will be held to help students transition to college level math
- Everyone involved seemed to be actively engaged in what was going on and enjoying themselves

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

- No goal to measure our work in early childhood (getting kids ready to start school)
 - Data was combined from two previous years
 - Shows that we're moving in the wrong direction.
 - Percent of incoming Kindergarteners who are ready for school dropped from 69% to 62%
 - Factors which may have affected the lowered score:
 - Some pieces of the test were not included in the second year
 - Less children are enrolled in high quality, accredited preschool programs
 - 70% of incoming Kindergarteners are coming from unlicensed, unaccredited daycare/preschool programs
 - Increasing access to early childhood development programming could help raise numbers
- Identified three lowest performing preschools
 - Obtained a grant which has funded a literacy coach to help these preschools address the issue
- Collecting data on who has received Imagination Library books
 - Over 70,000 books have been distributed in Jackson County
 - Have they been used?
 - Is additional funding needed to help parents with literacy issues, so that they can read the books to their children?

SETTING SPECIFIC GOALS

- Nailed down language for what we are actually measuring at the last meeting
- Discussed Elementary, Middle and High School MEAP and ACT scores.
 - ACT scores are trending up
 - Work Keys scores are trending down
 - Work Keys is more of the applied test
 - We need to keep an eye on this

- Do not currently have data on post-secondary credentials for Jackson County
 - How can that data be collected?
- Examples of goals include:
 - “Jackson County Kindergarten students will increase the percent of students that met or exceeded the benchmark composite score on assessment by __% by 2013”
 - Jackson County will increase the percent of students participating in accredited early childhood programs by __%...”

NEXT STEPS

- Math continues to be a huge problem and we need to stay on top of it
 - Starting to see momentum in the education community and don’t want it to slow down
 - Hold off on reading for one more year
- Getting the word out in the community is also a problem
 - Need to begin to put together a campaign—some way to market “math”
 - At next meeting, brainstorm marketing strategies.
 - Invite marketing specialists from the community to participate
 - Perhaps JCC and Allegiance?

Monday, December 06, 2010