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Item:

Presentation of Pre-K Supply and Demand Study

Date Of BOCC Meeting: September 4, 2018

Request For Board Action:

The Board is requested to receive this report and ask any questions they wish.

In the Fall of 2016, the City Council, Board of Education, and Board of County Commissioners jointly created the Durham Pre-K Task Force to bring them recommendations on how to proceed with expanding access to high quality Pre-K in Durham. In the Spring of 2017, the Durham Pre-K Task Force issued its report to the community, and one of their five recommendations was to “assess demand for expanding high-quality preschool in Durham in specific locations,” with efforts to be made to poll parents regarding their preferences and also to identify barriers to utilization of expanded services.

In the late Fall of 2017, the County Commissioners approved a contract with Child Care Services Association, Inc. (CCSA) to complete this study, which was completed in the Summer of 2018. Since CCSA is also now under contract to manage Pre-K expansion for Durham County and since those activities are now under way, the information provided by the supply and demand study is already being put to good use.

Alignment With Strategic Plan: Expanding access to high quality early education is clearly tied to objectives in Goal 1: Community Empowerment and Enrichment of the Durham County Strategic Plan, but in the long run will help improve outcomes across all goal areas.

Resource Persons: Linda Chappel, Senior Vice President (CCSA); Drew Cummings, Chief of Staff

County Manager’s Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive this report and ask any questions they wish.

County Manager: _____