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UPK Advisory Committee Update

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Item Type: Informational

Recommendation: That the Board of Directors review the UPK Advisory Committee update.

Background: The UPK Advisory Committee has held three meetings and will meet next on August 12th at 11am (Zoom link).

The Group's primary goals are to: 1) Agree upon and articulate a vision for COEs in the early learning/UPK space over the next 5 years, and 2) Identify the changes and supports that are needed to assist in UPK implementation, including any legislative and policy changes needed to sustain the success of state preschool, Head Start, and general childcare programs as TK is expanded.

The third meeting chaired by Mike West (Colusa), focused on understanding existing messaging campaigns, discuss general awareness of UPK and whole child, identify the messaging needs of COEs, and discuss how to support parent choice. In the upcoming August 12th meeting, the Group will discuss potential barriers to implementing UPK, and identify potential solutions.

The Group will bring their recommendations to the CCSESA Legislative Committee and Board for further discussion and action at the end of 2022 or early 2023.

To join future meetings, please email Malia Gonsalves at mgonsalves@ccsesa.org.