

# St. John the Baptist Parish School Board Head Start

## ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PUBLIC FOR 2018-2019 YEAR OPERATIONS October 31, 2019



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Pamelyn McKnight-Smith,  
Interim-Head Start Director

#### PURPOSE AND GOALS

St. John Parish School Board was awarded the Head Start grant on September 1, 2018 to serve 170 eligible children and families throughout St. John Parish. Goals of the Head Start program are to:

- 1) Provide children with school readiness skills for kindergarten
- 2) Enhance children's growth and development
- 3) Strengthen families as primary educators of their children
- 4) Link children and families to needed health & social services
- 5) Involve parents in planning and implementing the program

#### FUNDING

The School Board was awarded \$1,216,896 in Federal funds from the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services for operations of the Head Start program. The School Board provided Non-Federal match of \$304,224 which included in-kind services for Director, support staff, student transportation, and parent and community volunteer time.

#### SERVICES

The program served a total of 183 children in 10 classrooms located within the parish.

#### STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

St. John Parish School Board Head Start Program employed a total of 46 staff members. This included 10 Teachers, 10 Teacher Assistants (Paraprofessionals), 4 Coordinators, 2 Family Service Workers, 1 Fiscal Manager, 2 Support Personnel, 9 Bus Monitors, 7 Bus Drivers, and 1 Director. Three of the Head Start Teachers held baccalaureate degrees in Early Childhood Education, 7 had baccalaureate degrees in a related field with experience teaching preschool age children.

The program had a total of 97 volunteers of whom 71 were Head Start parents.

## CHILDREN SERVED

### ENROLLMENT:

Total number of families served = 180

Total number of children served = 183

Number of children who left the program = 13

### Eligibility Types:

Income below 100% of the Federal poverty line = 127

Over Income = 9

Average Monthly Enrollment = 180

### Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity:

Black/African American= 155

White = 6

Biracial/Multi-Racial = 9

Hispanic = 13

### HEALTH SERVICES:

Number of children receiving medical exams = 179 (98%)

Number of children receiving dental exams = 183 (100%)

Number of children with health insurance = 183 (100%)

### HEALTH PROBLEMS TREATED:

Anemia = 3

Asthma = 12

Overweight = 12

Obese=12

Hearing Difficulties= 0

Vision Problems= 5

### DISABILITIES DIAGNOSED AND SERVICES PROVIDED:

Speech/Language = 22

Developmental Delay=12

Autism=1

## BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES

### Budgetary Expenditures for 2018-19 - Head Start Year

Budget Category	Expenditures
Personnel	\$990,358
Fringe Benefits	\$148,348
Supplies	\$42,669
Equipment	\$0
Other Costs	\$35,521
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,216,896</b>

### Proposed Budget for 2019-20 - Head Start Year

Budget Category	Amount Budgeted
Personnel	\$1,031,781
Fringe Benefits	\$177,226
Supplies	\$16,887
Other Costs	\$50,728
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,276,622</b>

### PARENT INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

Parents were given an opportunity to participate in Parent Committees, Policy Council, parent training activities such as Transportation and Pedestrian Safety for Children, Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting, Family Literacy, Parenting Education, and Fatherhood activities.

### PREPARING CHILDREN FOR KINDERGARTEN

The St. John Parish School Board Head Start program serves preschool children three-and-four-year-olds using the developmentally appropriate Tier 1 Frog Street Curriculum. Head Start children are prepared with school readiness skills which equip them to transition into kindergarten classes. Teaching Strategies Gold is used as an assessment tool for preschool children. The programs coordinate training, curriculum, assessment, and transition activities to assure that children are ready to advance.

### FINANCIAL

Under Section 638 of the Head Start Act, the grant action awarded St. John the Baptist School Board a five year project period of 09/01/2018—06/30/2023 for the operation of the Head Start Program.