Early Learning Update to the State Board of Education – April 10, 2014

# Early Learning Council Update

* The Early Learning Council April meeting will be a conference call on April 16th from 7:30-8:30
* March 20 – Council spent a portion of their meeting coming up with their vision, master plan, and a scorecard for Outcomes
* Accountability – Chief Education Officer Nancy Golden wrote a letter outlining an accountability framework for the Council as we all work to achieve the Governor’s 40-40-20 goal.
* May 21 – Dr. Kent Thornburg from OHSU will give the Council a presentation on epigenetics.
	+ Dr. Thornburg has expertise in cardiopulmonary physiology, placentology, and developmental programming. He studies the roles of the placenta and the intrauterine environment as programming agents for adult-onset chronic disease and he leads studies on maternal diet and body in regulating fetal growth in women of Oregon.

# Early Learning Division Update

* K-3 Assessment Consortium
	+ An ELD/ODE joint team joined Delaware, Iowa, Maine, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, Washington DC and South Carolina and North Carolina to begin discussions on how to enhance a state-of-the-art system for assessing young children’s learning
* Early Learning Hubs
	+ RFA went live April 1, closes May 8
	+ ELD & DAS on an RFA Bidder’s Conference
		- Lincoln City & The Dalles yesterday
		- Ontario at 3:00 PST tomorrow
	+ Received letters of community interest from:
		- Blue Mountain Early Learning Hub
		- Clackamas County
		- Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook
		- Eastern Oregon
		- Klamath County
		- Linn, Benton, Lincoln
		- Mid-Columbia: Sherman, Wheeler, Wasco, Gilliam and Hood River Counties
		- Polk County
		- South Coast Regional Early Learning Hub (ORCCA)
		- Southern Oregon Early Learning Services
		- Washington County and DHHS & United Way of Columbia-Willamette
		- WEBCO
* Grant Timelines
	+ Early Literacy Grant
		- Application deadline was March 14
		- Council will announce awards on April 16
	+ Kindergarten Partnership & Innovation Fund Grant
		- Application deadline was March 28
		- Council will announce awards on May 22