



Goal 1: Expand Early Childhood Learning Opportunities

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Metrics

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Expand early childhood learning opportunities	<p>Number and percent of children served in GSRP</p> <p>Number of children eligible for GSRP</p> <p>NIEER (National Institute for Early Education Research, Rutgers) annual yearbook rating for state-funded preschool programs</p>



Metrics

Number of Children Eligible for GSRP

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	4-year difference
68,755	69,082	67,216	65,348	64,148	-4,607

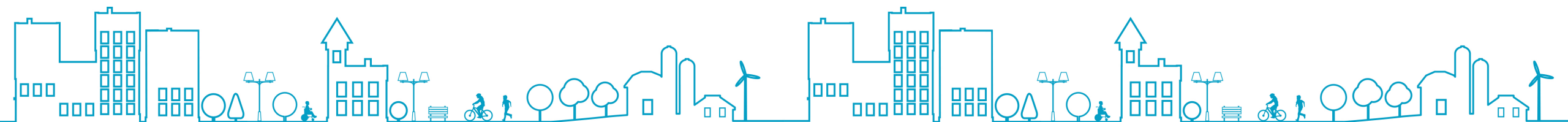
Number and Percent of Eligible Children Served in GSRP

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	4-year difference and percentage point (p.p.) change
37,506	38,771	38,371	37,325	37,140	-366
55%	56%	57%	57%	58%	3.00 p.p.

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National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER), Rutgers Annual Yearbook Rating for State-funded Preschool Programs

NIEER Rated Metrics	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of NIEER State-funded Preschool National Quality Benchmarks Met (out of 10)	8	9	10	10	10	10
National Rank	17	3	3	1	1	1
Tied with (Number of States)	7	3	3	2	3	4
NIEER National Ranking for GSRP on Access	15	15	16	18	18	21
NIEER National Ranking for GSRP on Funding Level	12	15	12	14	14	14



FY21 (School Year 2020-21) Pandemic Impact

- # of GSRP children served remotely = 26,969 (42%).
- Represents a decrease in enrollment of 16 percentage points from FY20 (school year 2019-20).



FY22 GSRP Expansion

- Michigan's GSRP received an increase of \$168 million in federal pandemic relief and state funds to allow for the expansion of preschool to all eligible children over the next three years.
- Can expand access for up to 22,000 children.
 - \$47.5 million in state School Aid Fund allocated to adjust the per child amount to \$8,700.
 - \$121 million in federal pandemic relief funds allocated to expand access.
 - Intent of legislature/administration is to replace a portion of federal funding used each year with state funding until the \$121 million is sustained completely with state funding by FY25.



FY22 (School Year 2021-22) Numbers to Date

- FY22 School Aid Budget was signed into law July 13, 2021.
- MDE released GSRP initial allocation amounts to ISDs on August 9, 2021.
- 2021-2022 GSRP enrollment is starting off **much better** than where we ended last year. We have 31,400 children enrolled as of October 7, 2021 (nearly 5,000 over last year), but still 5,700 down from pre-pandemic counts (37,140).
- Enrollment counts will continue through January 2022 before becoming final.



Enrollment Challenges

- “The rural isolation has deepened as a result of COVID.”
- “Our enrollment shortage is primarily due to being short 3 qualified teachers, so rooms have not opened.”
- “We also have had families decline enrollment because they would risk losing their childcare spot and were nervous about school closing again due to COVID.”



Local Perspectives on GSRP

Bay-Arenac Intermediate School District

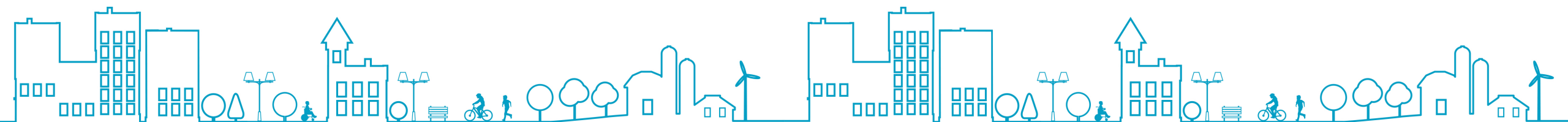
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QUESTIONS

