



MEMORANDUM

Date: August 30, 2022

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Jan Leshner 
County Administrator

Re: **Pima Early Education Program Year End Report**

Attached is the Year End report for the Pima Early Education Program. In this first year, the program served 856 children from low-income families at over 100 locations across Pima County. The number of preschool age children attending high quality preschool across multiple funding programs increased to almost half of the need. The number of preschools recognized as high quality also increased. Of those participating in the Pima Early Education Program, 78 percent were children of color and 21 percent were dual language learners, which is fantastic as children of color and dual language learners have been shown to benefit the most from programs like this. In addition, as you can see from the quotes, this program also helps parents and guardians of these children by providing them time to work and further their own education.

The Board should be commended for taking the initiative to fund such a program, as should staff for getting the program running so quickly, and continually adapting in what was often a challenging year. Thank you also to our other funding partners, the City of Tucson, Town of Marana, and Town of Oro Valley. It is remarkable to see the regional as a whole recognize the importance of early education.

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Attachment

c: The Honorable Dustin Williams, Pima County School Superintendent
Mary Jacobs, Town of Oro Valley Manager
Michael Ortega, City of Tucson Manager
Terry Rozema, Town of Marana Manager
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