

# Huron County Great Start Collaborative/School Readiness Advisory Meeting

January 18, 2019



# Purpose, Mission, & Vision:

The Great Start Collaborative is committed to assuring a coordinated system of community resources and supports to assist all Huron County families in providing a great start for their children, prenatal through third grade.

GSC members strive to provide a county-wide, comprehensive early childhood system by creating a single and interconnected network of public and private services and supports that work together to accomplish better outcomes for children and families.

Our vision is “A Great Start for all children in Huron County: safe, healthy, prepared, and eager to succeed in school and in life!”

# Meeting Agenda

The agenda can be found at [GreatStartHuron.com](http://GreatStartHuron.com) under the GSC Collaborative tab – hover over “providers” to find this.

FIND FUN

FIND HELP

EVENTS

PARENTS

PROVIDERS

GREAT START  
COLLABORATIVE

# Meeting Agenda (Summary)

- I. Introductions & Greeting, “This or That”
- II. Discussion of FY19 Action Agenda Goals
- III. Parent Engagement & Recruitment for Parent Coalition
- IV. Meeting Focus Action Agenda Goal: **Goal 3: Increase access to high quality early care and education services & supports.**
- V. Organization & Workgroup Updates
- VI. Closing - Please join us for our next meeting on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>!

# FY19 Action Agenda Goals

## Discussion

- Increase awareness of the importance of prenatal care.
- Increase support to parents regarding the critical role they play in their children's health, wellness, early development, learning, and readiness for school.
- Increase access to high quality early care and education services and supports.
- Provide access to resources and parent education to support families as they help teach their child to read, to ensure that all children can read proficiently by the end of 3rd grade.

# Parent Engagement & Recruitment for Parent Coalition



# Meeting Focus Action Agenda:

**Goal 3: Increase access to high quality early care and education services & supports.**

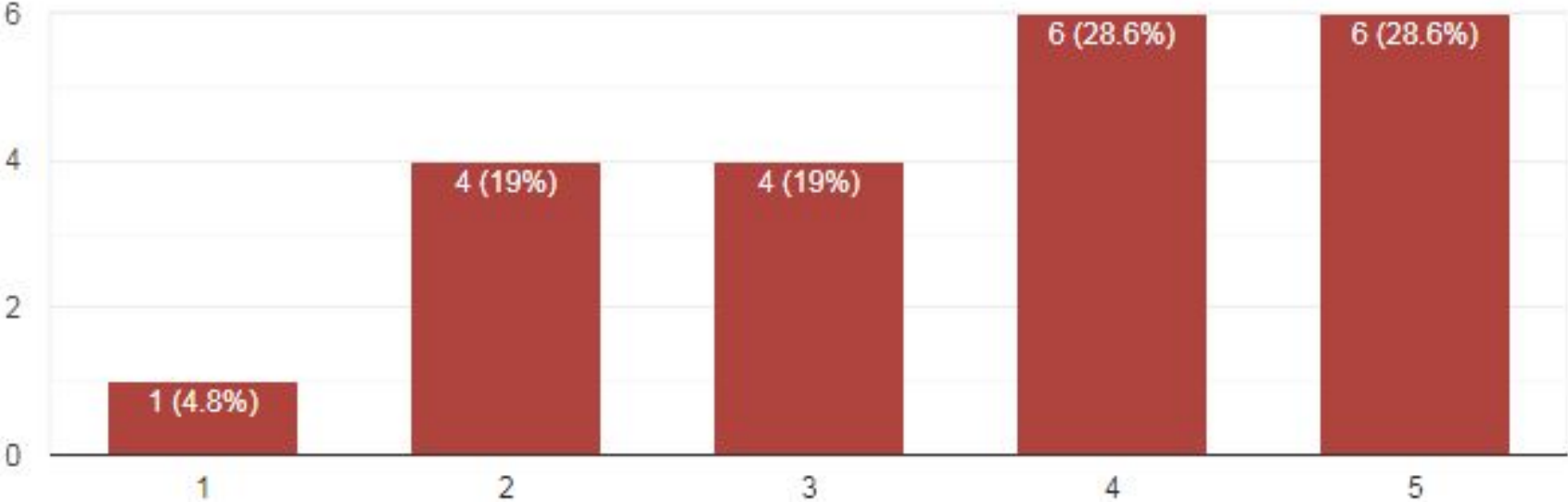
# 2018 Preschool Enrollment Survey Preliminary Results





# How user friendly did you find preschool enrollment, on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being extremely difficult, 5 being very easy & user-friendly)?

21 responses



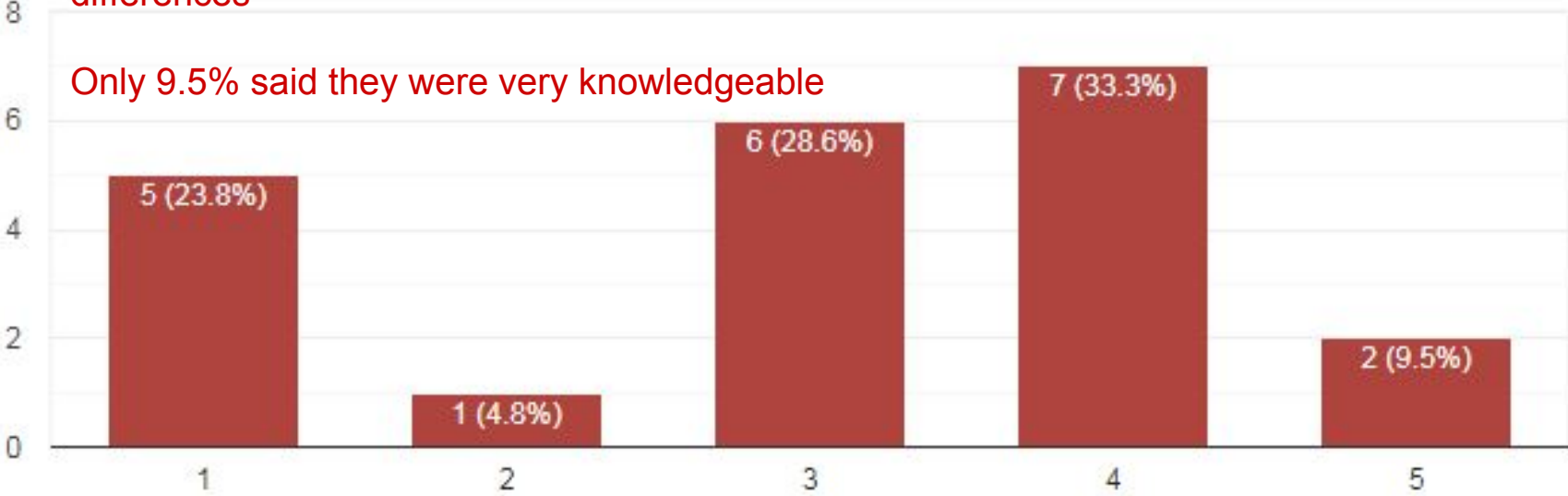
Extremely difficult Very Easy & User friendly

# How would you rate your knowledge of the difference between the Great Start & Head Start programs?

21 responses

57% of parents have little to no knowledge about Head Start/Great Start program differences

Only 9.5% said they were very knowledgeable

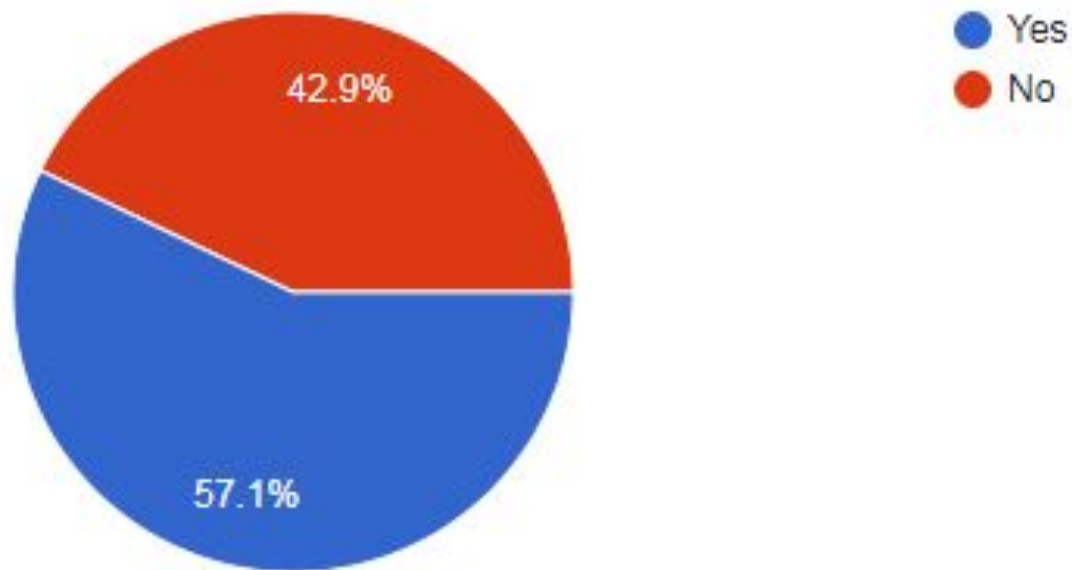


Not very knowledgeable

Very knowledgeable

# Did you use the on-line application when applying for preschool?

21 responses



Would you like to comment on the enrollment process? Please give any things you liked or disliked, or how the process could be easier for parents & caregivers.

7 responses

For GSRP/Headstart it requires a lot of personal financial information/documents that maybe are hard to obtain if divorced, and/or maybe not want shared in a small community (like full tax returns). Additionally, upon submitting the application your required to submit birth certificate, immunization records, etc. Then once accepted your required to submit those documents again.

online submission of all forms would be helpful instead of having to mail in tax forms. ← **Added this year!**

Was absolutely terrible. No communication whatsoever and the day it was supposed to start got pushed back an entire week! Worst experience and as a parent, felt like we didn't really matter.

Faster all around would help ← **Reminders that it is imperative to be speedy when responding to families**

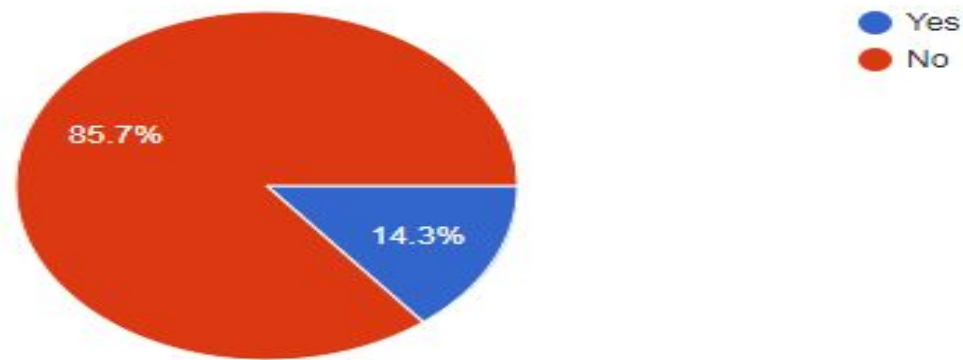
I did it online

**Parents will now be selecting school district instead of specific programs when applying**

I wish when you filled out an application it would go to more then one school.

## Did you have any difficulties or frustrations with the on-line application?

21 responses



### If yes, please give some comments.

2 responses

The new application didn't drop as soon as I would have liked.

I wasn't sure witch school was witch or how young they start

How can we improve upon our on-line application? What would you like to see for next year's enrollment process?

3 responses

Complete submission of all paperwork online

The medical forms to be available for download

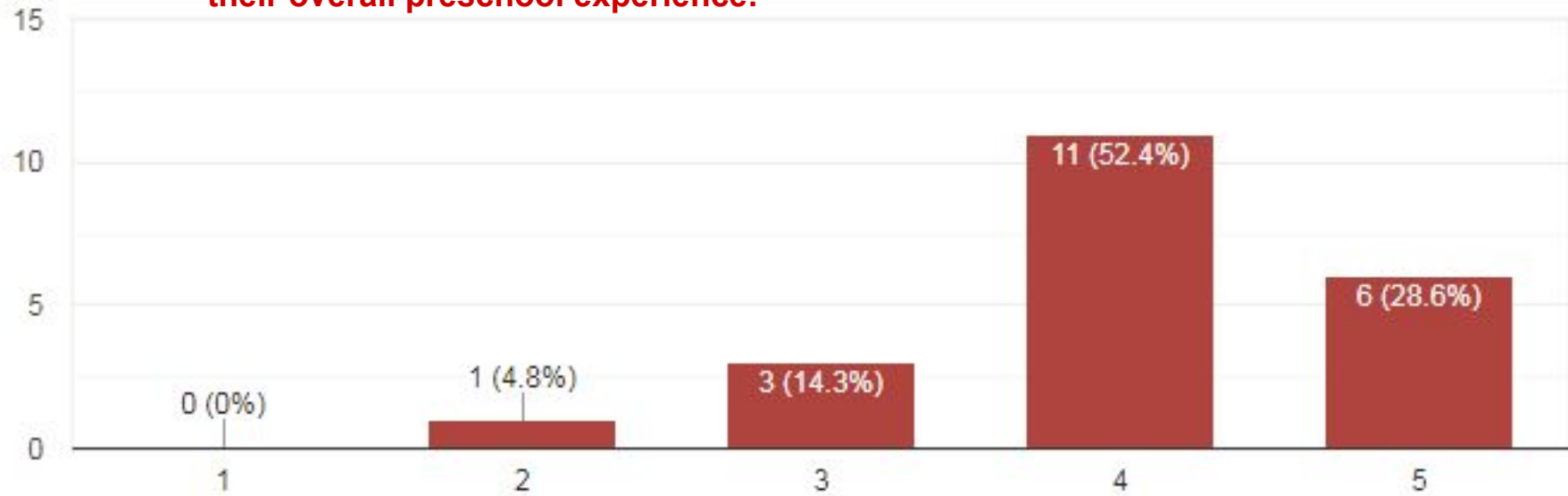
Have an option to apply for more than one at a time

# Preschool Quality Survey

Overall, how happy are you with your preschool experience?

21 responses

**80% of our families are satisfied or very satisfied with their overall preschool experience!**



Dissatisfied

Very satisfied



# Please give any comments about your overall preschool

satisfaction/dissatisfaction: *(responses may have been edited to redact names & improve clarity)*

- I chose the explorer program because it followed a program, but allows me to send my child a couple days a week instead of 4-full days. Which I think is essential for 3-year old preschool.
- Not really happy with all the teacher assistant changes. This is hard on the kids and as a parent don't know if he is getting the proper time learning.
- I feel like staff is doing the best they can to make it a good school.
- I'm not thrilled that the teachers don't fill parents in on what the kids do through the day. I don't know if my child ate good, if they napped, what their plans are for future days. I'm not filled in at all and I think this could be fixed. I know other parents feel the same way.



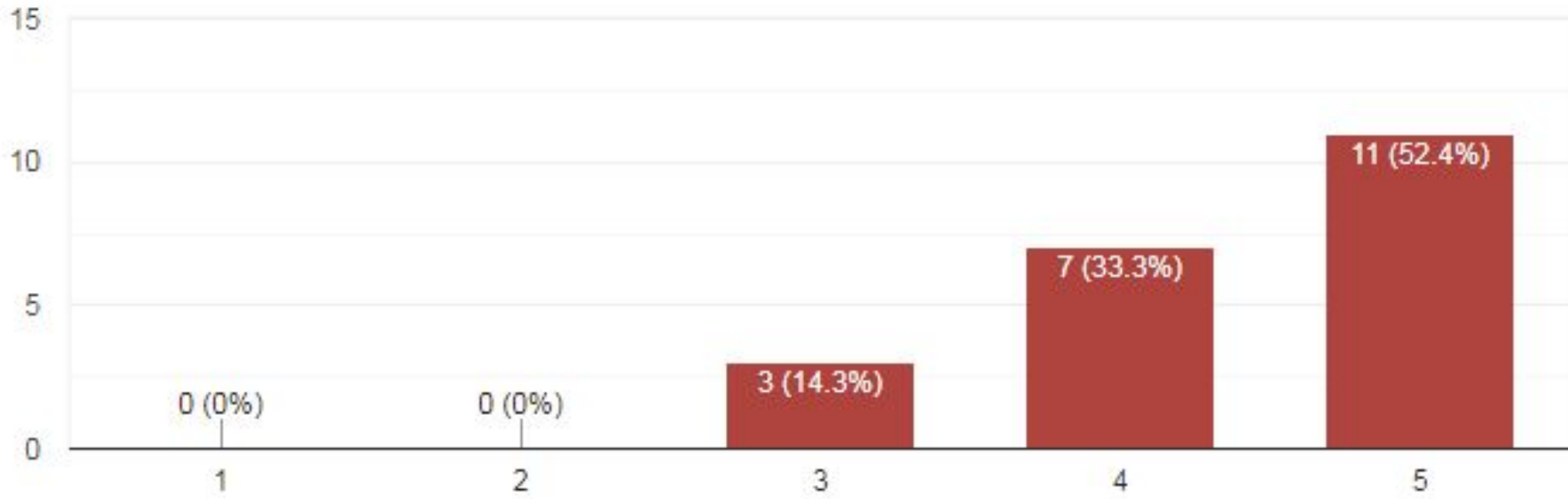
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- Not happy with how things are. No playground isn't fair, not participating in Halloween and kids having to see entire school having parties and dressing up, no bathroom in classroom, not being able to take in a packed lunch and much more.
- I don't think the new program was explained very well.
- Would like for the time to be a little longer
- The teachers are doing a great job making sure my son's needs are met and have had great communication in his strength and weaknesses

# How satisfied are you with your child's preschool teacher overall?

21 responses



Dissatisfied

Very satisfied

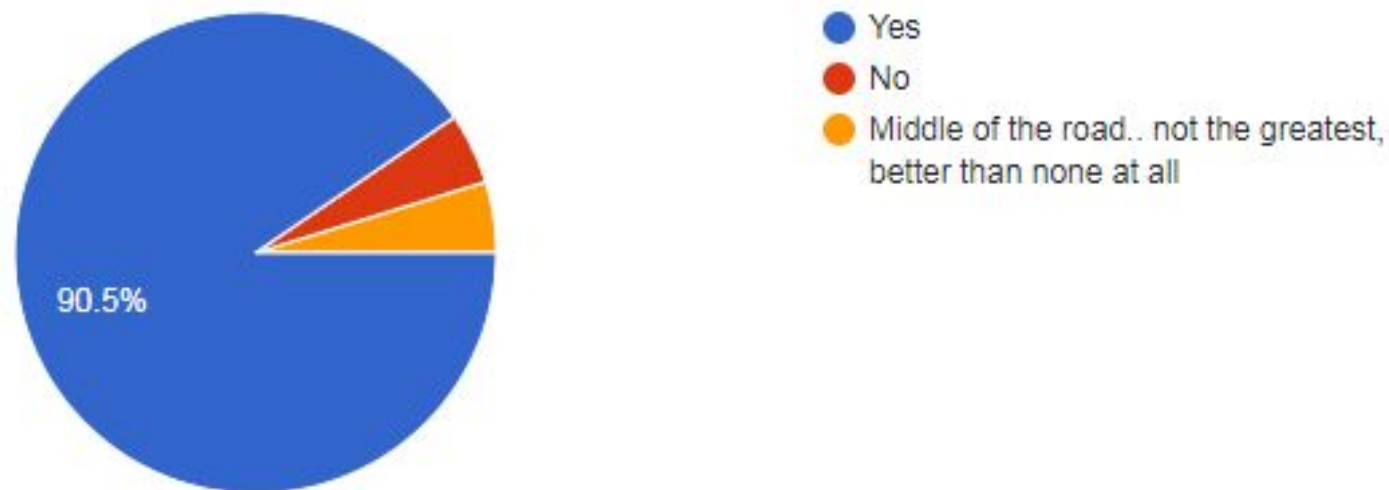
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- Very organized, and informative
- She is very informative with us as parent
- He loves Ms J.
- Mrs C is excellent
- She has a weekly letter which is helpful but would love pictures of classroom in the reminder app.
- We truly adore Ms B! She is genuinely good at her job!
- Great and communicates well with families

## Do you feel your preschool is providing a high quality experience for your child?

21 responses



# GSRP Funding Application, 2019-20

Previously known as the CNAA - Community Needs Assessment & Application - Application not yet released by MDE

Increasing access and availability of early learning programs



- 11-12: 65 children, 2 GSRP locations, 4 classrooms
- 12-13: 70 children, 2 locations, 4 classrooms
- 13-14: 102 children, 146 slots, 4 locations, 6 classrooms
- 14-15: 130 children, 209 slots, 5 locations, 8 classrooms
- 15-16: 117 children, 203 slots, 5 locations, 7 classrooms
- 16-17: 115 children, 203 slots, 5 locations, 8 classrooms
- 17-18: 112 children, 211 slots, 6 locations. 8 classrooms
- 18-19: 115 children, 215 slots, 6 locations 8 classrooms

Goal: To serve as many children as we can in high quality prek.

Belief: Zip Code and funding stream should not dictate the quality of a child's preschool experience or their readiness for Kindergarten.

# Huron County Preschools Recruitment and Enrollment, 2019-20

- Joint recruitment & enrollment for all Head Start, Great Start Readiness Programs, and local school tuition preschools found at [greatstarthuron.com](http://greatstarthuron.com)
- Online application and required documentation
  - *NEW this year - documents may be submitted on-line right after completing application*
- Brochure, application, and school readiness skills list
- Single point of entry for enrollment
- Review of applications, parent notification, and slotting into classrooms done collaboratively

# Preschool Enrollment Procedures

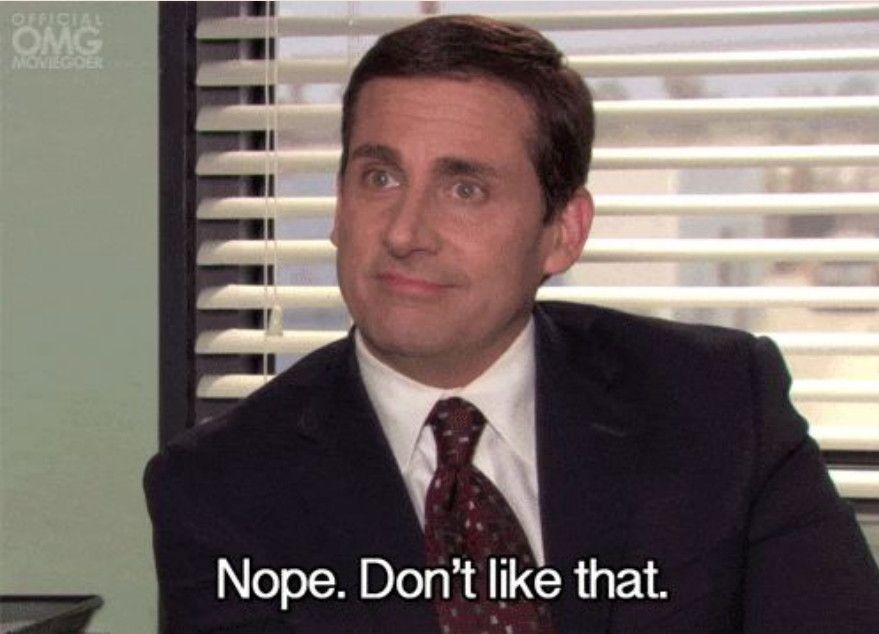
- Parents select school district on application, then application is forward to designated contact person for each district/program
  - ✓ This contact person will collect required documentation, assess eligibility, complete eligibility & file checklist forms & contact parent within 14 days of application submission
- Following implementation procedures, the goal is to service as many children as possible in our community.
- Eliminate barriers to participation - location, transportation, income

# Preschool Enrollment Procedures

- All GSRP sub-recipients participate in the Joint Recruitment and Enrollment Workgroup for GSRP, Head Start, and local school tuition preschools.
  - ✓ Recruit families
  - ✓ Share the joint application with parents and collect the joint application and other required paperwork
  - ✓ Add paper applications online
  - ✓ Bring all applications including required documentation to the joint recruitment and enrollment meeting



# GSC Meeting Feedback



Please join us for our next GSC meeting on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>!

The next Parent Coalition meeting is Friday, February 8 from 1 - 3 pm at the Bad Axe Library.

Please send provider information that you would like listed on our website to [achapman@Huronisd.org](mailto:achapman@Huronisd.org). Also send app feedback!