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TO: Santa Clara County Board of Education

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SUBJECT: Request Approval to Submit a Competitive Early Head Start Grant Application

Associated Goals
Goal 1: Improve student equity and reduce access discrepancies to high quality education
Goal 2: Provide support to districts, communities, schools and students

Background
A competitive grant opportunity has been offered by the Office of Head Start, Administration for Children and Families for Early Head Start Child Care Partnership grants. The purpose of this grant is to expand access to high quality, comprehensive services for low-income infants, toddlers and their families.

Fiscal Implications
The Early Learning Services, Early Head Start program is requesting approximately $2,000,000 to serve 169 Early Head Start eligible children. These funds will be available January 2015.

Requested Action:
Approve the submission of a competitive Early Head Start grant application

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