



# GLIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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To the Senate Human Services and Early Childhood Committee:

Glide School District values and encourages family engagement as part of the healthy development of each child. The funds from the KRPI grant are being used in two ways to increase P - 3 alignment and increase contact between the schools and preschool families.

- **Interactive Storytime for Preschool Families -**
  - meets regularly for stories, table activities, snacks, and connecting with other families in the school setting
  - well attended - over 20 children accompanied by adults each session
  - meeting several new families who are "new" to the school
  - We will be taking books, supplies, and snacks to local trailer parks to reach out to some families who may find it difficult to attend these functions
- **Kindergarten Readiness family nights -**
  - series of events that allow for families and staff to connect, discuss what kindergarten will be like, and share ideas of what families can do at home with preschoolers
  - allows us to expand our efforts of identifying incoming students and needs before the first day of school
  - also an opportunity to provide free books to students and encourage families to read to children to promote literacy

In addition, Glide School District is moving forward with developing a tool that will allow us to gather more information from families that will provide community input on early learning needs.

The KRPI grant is allowing the school district to develop positive relationships with families before the children attend kindergarten. The funds also provide prospective students exposure to educational activities and materials that increase kindergarten readiness. These funds allowed the district to put previous ideas in motion. Without renewal, we would not be able to continue these efforts.

Sincerely,

Jerry Halter  
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**A united community dedicated to preparing students today  
to reach their full potential tomorrow !**