

North Texas Community College Consortium 'Lunch and Learn'

Dallas College School of Education
The Bachelors Degree in Early Childhood Education and Teaching



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The Road to One College





Dallas County Community College District

- DCCCD is one of the largest community college systems in the state
- Seven independently accredited colleges of Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD)
- Since 1965, we have served more than 3 million people and today serve >70,000 students across 300 different degree, technical, and, certificate programs





A Need for Change

- In 2016-17 and 2017-18, **1,618** students were eligible for reverse transfer degrees (having completed additional hours at their university).
- **84% (1,356)** of these students did not receive degrees as a result of the **25% Rule** and our current structure of 7 single accredited institutions.
- This amounted to a loss of **\$546,000,000** in lifetime earnings to our students and **\$293,475** in accountability points to DCCCD.
- Our current structure is impeding the success of our students.



Economic
mobility



STUDENT SUCCESS

at the center of
Dallas College

Employer
connected



Relevant
offerings



Student
centricity



At scale





**The School of Education
&
Bachelor's Degree in ECE Education and Teaching**



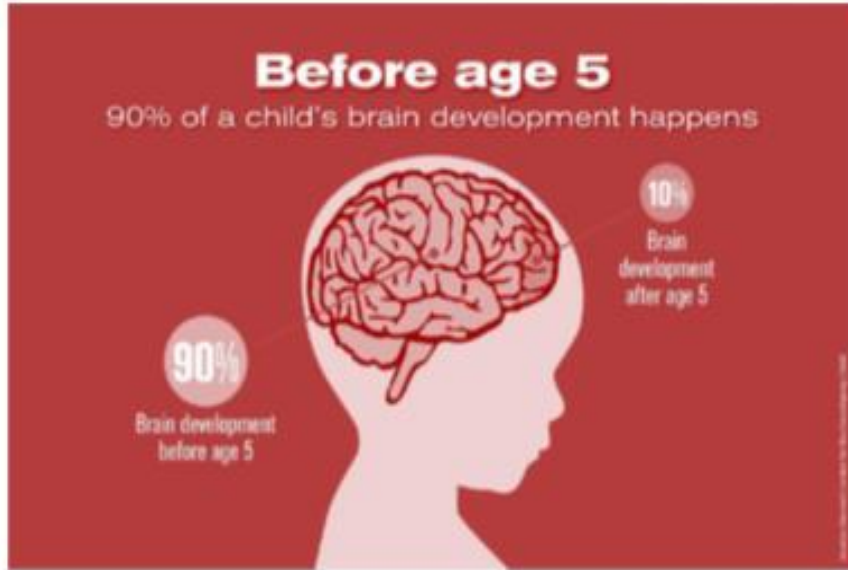


The School of Education

- 1 of 7 new 'Schools' in the Dallas College structure
- 'House' all 'education' related programs across Dallas College
 - AAT
 - AAS in ECE and Child Development
 - BAS ECE
 - Child Development CTE programs
 - Alternative Teacher Certification
 - Early College High School/Dual Credit Teaching Pathways
- Streamlined student and faculty experience
- Operational efficiencies and partnership consistency



Reports, such as those provided by Commit!, show that Dallas is currently underprepared to meet the needs of community.



Filling current enrollment gaps would require approximately 4,300 new ECE teachers immediately and 450 new ECE teachers each year over the next five years

Only 37% of eligible ECE students are enrolled in public programs



...which translates into approx. 34,000 ECE eligible 3- and 4-year old's not being served by districts or Head Start



Even when having been enrolled in ECE classes,

40% of children in the Dallas area are not kindergarten ready

National Research Shows Higher levels of K-Readiness increase:

- 1) 3rd Grade Reading Proficiency,
- 2) College Readiness, and
- 3) Better Life and Career Outcomes

STUDENTS ATTENDING PRE-K ENTER KINDERGARTEN READY AT A



GREATER RATE



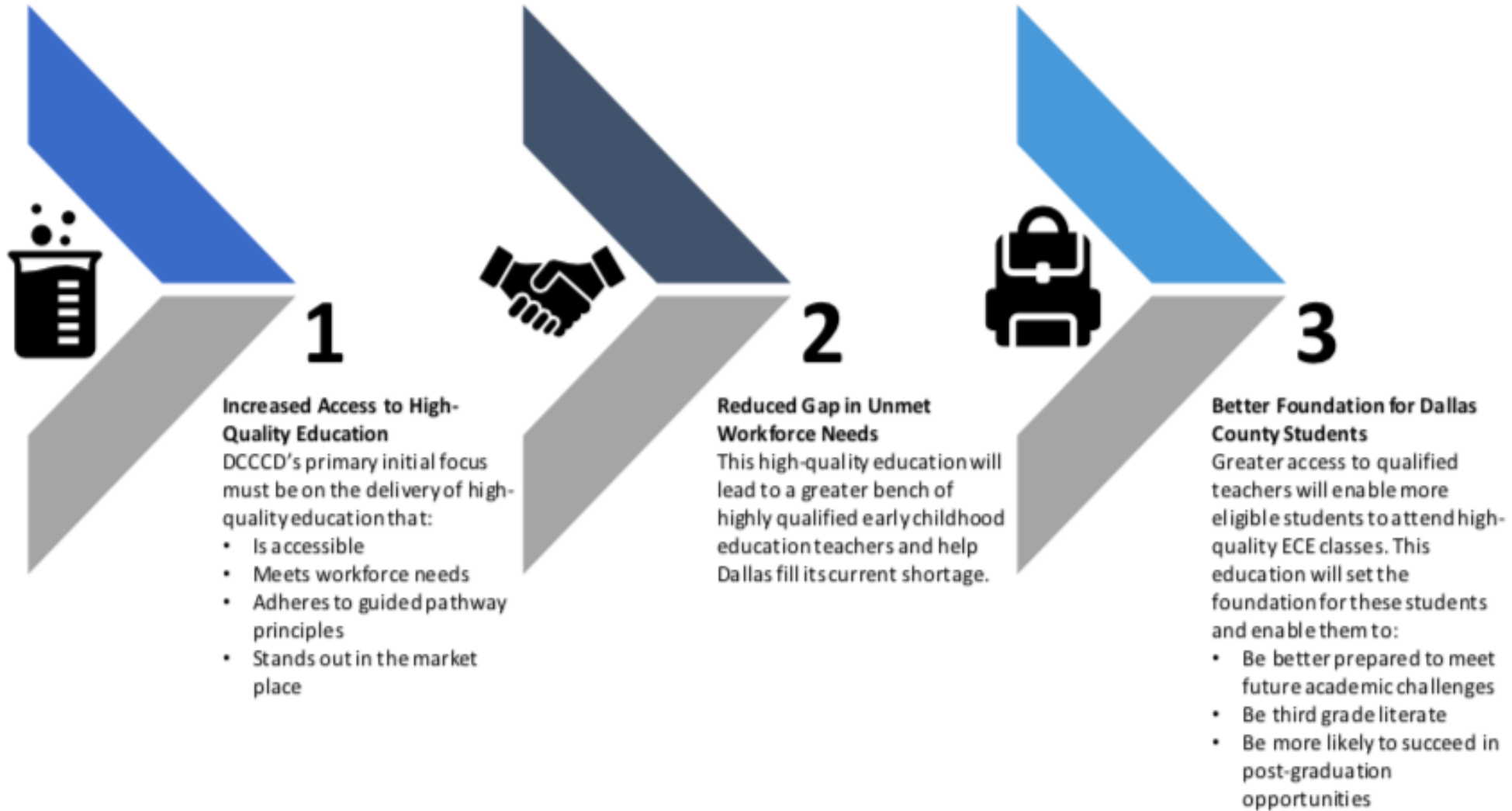
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Dallas County Community College District is well positioned to meet these needs through the development of a 4-year degree early childhood education program, as permitted by SB 2118

Developing an early childhood education baccalaureate degree program would allow DCCCD to enhance the educational opportunities of those in the Dallas County community and positively impact both degree seeking adults and the community's underserved youth.





BAS ECE

- 120 Semester Credit Hours (SCH)
- Approved by THECB & SACSCOC
- Upper Level courses to launch fall 2021
- Built to ensure seamless transfer from AAT and AAS
- Degree offered at same price as 2-year degrees at Dallas College
- EC-3 & EC-6 Teacher Certification Pathways
- Yearlong clinical component built into Year 4
- Intentional focus on literacy and elements of child development





Next Steps

- Strengthen existing partnerships and identify new partnership opportunities with 2 and 4 year IHE's
- Advocate and champion the new BAS ECE degree and EC-3 certificate
- Assist other 2-year colleges exploring the pathway(s) to offer 4 year degrees
- Learn, Revise, and Improve





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