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Hi Terry,

Thanks for your inquiry about the LPC Funding Priorities. These priorities are primarily used to prioritize the allocation of state funds whenever there are new infant/toddler, preschool, or school age state-funded child care/preschool opportunities. Historically, Siskiyou has always had a high need for both infant/toddler and school age care. (Though we now have SAFE - the afterschool program that is in most of our elementary schools throughout the county - parents still have a significant need for afterschool, out-of-school time, and summer care. Consequently, we have continued to assign Priority 1 to any zip code large enough to sustain an infant/toddler or school age program.

So, the only priorities that have changed are the state preschool priorities (for ages 3 and 4). Specifically:

- Etna was previously given a Priority 2, however, more recent data shows less income-eligible families in that area, moving Etna into a Priority 3. In addition, we know that Etna Elem. State Preschool is currently "under-enrolled".
- Happy Camp was previously given a Priority 2. However, more recent data shows a reduction in the number of income-eligible families in that area. In addition, Karuk Head Start currently serves the majority of eligible 3 and 4 year olds in that area. So Happy Camp has been given no priority.
- Montague/Big Springs was previously given a Priority 1. However, more recent data shows less income-eligible families, moving them to a Priority 2.
- Grenada was previously given a Priority 1, however more recent data shows that there are not enough income-eligible families in that area.

Additional Notes:

Only zip codes large enough to sustain a state preschool program are listed. (The state views the minimum number as 10.)

Dorris is given no priority because Butte Valley Montessori currently meets the demands of all income-eligible families with preschoolers in that area.

I hope this helps. Please let me know if you would like additional information. I also plan to be present at the May 16th BOS Meeting (during the afternoon) to answer any questions that the Board may have.

Thank you,

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