



Item:

Community Literacy Collaborative's Townhall

Requested Action:

1. The Board is asked to accept this update on the Community Literacy Collaborative's Townhall

Update

The Community Town Hall on Literacy took place on:

- **October 29**, 5:30–7:00 PM at the **Eastside High School Auditorium**
- **October 30**, 5:30–7:00 PM at the **Santa Fe High School Auditorium**
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Executive Director Kiner opened each meeting by welcoming attendees and reviewing the evening's agenda. Dr. Beachy then presented the proposed framework and team structure for the Community Literacy Collaborative, followed by an overview of the Literacy Catalyst Plan shared by Leah Galione of Peak Literacy.

The discussion was facilitated by Dr. Naima Brown, Vice President for Student Affairs at Santa Fe College, and Ian Fletcher, COO of the Greater Gainesville Chamber of Commerce. Facilitators guided attendees through three key questions:

1. What barriers do you believe prevent students and adults from learning to read?
2. What literacy resources or programs would best support children and adults in your community?
3. How can we empower families to use literacy resources and programs at home?

Each evening, 25–30 participants engaged in the conversation and enjoyed a pizza dinner provided by Five Star Pizza. The meetings concluded with next steps, ideas for collaboration, and final questions.

Programmatic Impact:

Goal 2: Children & Youth Can Learn What They Need To Be Successful

Fiscal Impact:

\$550,000.00

Recommendation:

Accept the recommended action.