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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan 

SUBJECT: Report on Department of Education Cosponsorship

The Department of Education is asked to cosponsor a number of conferences or events. I am notifying the Board of the following cosponsorship:

- 1st Annual Midwestern Early Childhood Research and Evaluation Conference

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COSPONSORSHIP

Title of Event: 1st Annual Midwestern Early Childhood Research and Evaluation Conference
Preconference: Realizing the Common Goal: Early Childhood Intervention, School Readiness, and Grade Retention in the Early Years

Primary Sponsoring Agency: HighScope Educational Research Foundation

Cosponsors: Michigan Department of Education

Date: October 4 and 5, 2012

Location: Dearborn, MI

Purpose: The Preconference will be a one-day intensive research workshop for 10-12 invited researchers, evaluators, methodologists, and state-level early childhood policymakers on the topic of early childhood intervention and its impact on school readiness and grade retention in the early years. The discussion that results from the preconference will be published in a book.

The Conference is designed to facilitate conversations amongst researchers and evaluators in the early childhood field, working across early childhood programs such as K-3, Head Start, State Prekindergarten, home visiting, and other family support services.

Major Speaker(s): To be determined

Audience: Preconference: Invited notable scholars, including researchers, evaluators, methodologists and policymakers.
Conference: Local and regional early childhood evaluators, researchers, policymakers, and stakeholders who use evaluations for decision-making and advocacy.

Staff Involvement: Planning and attendance, two or three staff members.

Financial Obligation (please check): Federal State Other _____

Staff Costs (including fringe benefits and number of days): \$ 3,000
(approximately staff days)

Other Costs (including meals, phone, postage, travel, etc.): \$ 400

State Board Participation: Yes, as invited guests

The following "Statement of Cosponsorship" will appear on the printed agenda for the meeting or conference:

Cosponsorship of a conference by the Michigan Department of Education assumes the active participation of Department of Education staff in the planning and development of the agenda. No person shall be denied the opportunity to participate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, sex, marital status or disability. The conference facility must meet federal and state accessibility standards. Commercial products or services displayed or presented as a part of the conference are not considered endorsed by the Michigan Department of Education.