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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer

RE: **Grant Opportunity** for Early Childhood Education and Family Services

The Michigan Department of Education is pleased to announce a **William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program** grant opportunity. The goal of the William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program is to develop demonstration projects that focus on providing intensive family literacy services. These funds are geared toward improving the literacy skills of parents, helping them become full partners in educating their children, and assisting children to reach their full potential as learners. Program models must include adult education, early childhood education, parent education and parent-child educational activities. A local or intermediate school district or a public school academy joined in partnership with a public or private nonprofit, community-based agency or institution of higher education may apply for a grant. Although the administration recommended no funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2009, we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process if Congress appropriates funds for this program.

A technical assistance session for this grant opportunity will be held on Friday, February 13, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to noon in Lansing. Details on this session, including optional webinar instructions, as well as the grant instructions and application forms, are available on-line at: www.michigan.gov/evenstart, and click on "Even Start TA Workshop" in the "Important Dates" list.

Questions regarding the 2009-2010 William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program grants may be directed to Reneé De Mars-Johnson, Supervisor and Cheryl Hall, Consultant; Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services. Both may be reached at (517) 373-8483. You may also contact them using their e-mail addresses. Ms. De Mars-Johnson's e-mail address is demars-johnsonr@michigan.gov. Ms. Hall's e-mail address is hallc7@michigan.gov.

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