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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Approval of Criteria for the *Early On*[®] Michigan Interagency Collaboration Grant Awards under the Part C Allocation to Michigan

Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), in Michigan commonly referred to as *Early On*, provides assistance to states for the development of an interagency system of early intervention services to children from birth to three years of age with disabilities or developmental delays and their families.

Per federal regulations (34 CFR 303.321), each state must develop a comprehensive child find system for infants and toddlers eligible for early intervention services. This child find system must be coordinated with all other major efforts conducted by other state agencies and tribes and tribal organizations to locate and identify children for other federally-funded programs. Two state agencies, the Departments of Community Health and Human Services, and one tribal organization are involved in the specified federally-funded programs required to coordinate child find activities.

The Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council has recommended that a portion of the FY 2009-2010 federal allocation to Michigan under Part C of IDEA be designated for interagency grants.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the criteria for the *Early On*[®] Michigan Interagency Collaboration Grant Awards under the Part C Allocation to Michigan as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated October 1, 2009.

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Criteria for Early On[®] Michigan Interagency Collaboration Grant Awards
under the FY 2009-2010 Part C Allocation to Michigan

The State Board of Education has adopted as its Strategic Goal "Attain substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students/children with primary emphasis on high priority schools and students."

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will serve to further attain the above goal, and the Board's Vision and Principles of Universal Education.

PRIORITIES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT

The *Early On* Michigan Interagency Collaboration grants support the Board's expectation of achievement for all children by assisting eligible children and their families to receive early intervention services necessary to improve academic outcomes and continue federal funding. The continued efforts to build a statewide child find system addresses the Board priority to reimagine the pre-K-12 educational system in Michigan.

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF GRANT

Competitive Formula New Continuation

The *Early On* Michigan Interagency Collaboration grants will annually address the federal mandate to identify and locate all eligible children and decrease duplication of effort amongst state agencies and the Inter-Tribal Council serving infants and toddlers with a disability or a developmental delay.

CRITERIA

Date criteria were last approved: N/A

Defined in Legislation Defined in Department's Approved Grant Application to the Funder Proposed by Staff

An applicant must:

- Demonstrate the capacity to locate and identify eligible infants and toddlers,
- Demonstrate the ability to communicate child find needs with the Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services, and
- Demonstrate the ability to enhance the statewide child find system.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS/TARGET POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY GRANT

Eligible applicants include state agencies responsible for specified federally funded programs (Part B of IDEA; Maternal and Child Health program under Title V of the Social Security Act; Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment program under Title XIX of the Social Security Act; Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act; Head Start Act and Supplemental Security Income program under Title XVI of the Social Security Act) and tribal organizations.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

Up to \$248,440 is available for the following: \$148,627 for the Michigan Department of Community Health, \$74,813 for the Michigan Department of Human Services, and \$25,000 for the Michigan Inter-Tribal Council.

LEGISLATION

The governing legislation is the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, specifically 34 CFR Part 303.

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