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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** February 23, 2016

**TO:** State Board of Education

**FROM:** Brian J. Whiston, Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian".

**SUBJECT:** Presentation on *Early On*<sup>®</sup>

This presentation will provide an overview of Michigan's approach to providing individualized services and supports for families of infants and toddlers with disabilities or delay as required under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and known in Michigan as *Early On*<sup>®</sup>. Focusing on children during this critical period of brain development is essential for optimal growth. IDEA statute and regulations provide expectations regarding delivery of services and supports, ensuring an approach that authentically engages parents and other family members of eligible infants and toddlers.

Recent attention to the supports that families can receive through *Early On* appear to make this an ideal time for the State Board of Education to increase understanding of the system.

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