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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman

SUBJECT: Presentation on Prevention and Early Intervention Programs

Research supports the importance of reaching struggling learners as early as possible. Programs that provide extended opportunities for young learners to be successful in school are often referred to as models of early intervention. While special education programs are designed for students who meet eligibility requirements, early intervention models are geared to assist students prior to extended school failure and/or the need for special education programs and services.

Several early intervention programs have provided young learners with the necessary skills to be successful in school. The following presenters will highlight the components of three of these programs:

- Bob Sornson, Founder of Early Learning Foundation,
- Margaret McGlinchey, Co-Director of Michigan's Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative (MiBLSi), and
- Sandra Riley, Coordinator of Michigan Center for Instructional Consultation Teams

In addition, Senator Nancy Cassis will be here to highlight legislation that she has introduced (Senate Bill 1284).