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August 30, 2016

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Brian J. Whiston, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Approval of Criteria for Section 32q – Early Learning Collaborative Pilot

The Michigan Legislature has allocated an amount not to exceed \$175,000 for fiscal year 2016-2017 to be distributed no later than November 1, 2016 to Kent Intermediate School District. The money is to be used, in partnership with the Early Learning Neighborhood Collaborative, to conduct a pilot program to evaluate the relative impact on vulnerable children of one versus two years of preschool education. Participating children will be three years of age. It is the intent of the legislature that this is the first of three years of funding.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the Criteria for Section 32q – Early Learning Collaborative Pilot, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 30, 2016.

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Criteria for Section 32q – Early Learning Collaborative Pilot

The State Board of Education has adopted guiding principles and strategic goals for developing Michigan into a top 10 education state in 10 years.

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will serve to further attain the above goals.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND STRATEGIC GOALS THIS CRITERIA SUPPORT

This grant supports the guiding principles and strategic goals of the State Board of Education (SBE) and Michigan Department of Education (MDE) by meeting Strategic Goal 4 to reduce the impact of high-risk factors and provide equitable resources to meet the needs of all students to ensure that they have access to quality educational opportunities.

PURPOSE / BACKGROUND OF GRANT

Type of Grant Program:

- New
- Continuing
- Formula
- Competitive
- Designated in Legislation or MDE Proposal

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CRITERIA

Date criteria were last approved: n/a

Source of Criteria:

- A. Federal Law, Rules or Regulation
- B. State Law or Rules
- C. Proposed by Staff
- D. Defined in MDE’s Approved Grant Proposal to the Funder

Grant funding is based on the following requirements:

- Kent ISD in partnership with the Early Learning Neighborhood Collaborative (ELNC) provides funding for all eligible children included in the Early Learning Collaborative pilot.
- The funds shall be used for research, family coaching, administration, information systems, and evaluation.
- Kent ISD/ELNC develops a three-year pilot under the supervision of the Office of Great Start (OGS).
- Children served are three years old per the statute.
- Children meet participant eligibility and prioritization guidelines as defined by the department.
- Kent ISD/ELNC provides annual progress evaluations to OGS.
- By December 1, 2019 Kent ISD/ELNC provides a report and evaluation to OGS.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND TARGET POPULATION SERVED

The eligible applicant is Kent Intermediate School District (Kent ISD).

The target population is three-year-old children served by the Early Learning Neighborhood Collaborative in a partnership with Kent ISD.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

\$175,000.00 from the State School Aid Fund

STATUTE

P.A. 249 of 2016, State School Aid Act

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