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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** January 26, 2016  
**TO:** State Board of Education  
**FROM:** Brian J. Whiston, Chairman   
**SUBJECT:** Report on Department of Education Cosponsorships

The Michigan Department of Education is asked to cosponsor a number of conferences or events. I am notifying the Board of the following cosponsorships:

- Recognition of April as Month of the Young Child 2016
- 2016 Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children Early Childhood Conference
- 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Online Learning Symposium – The Future of Personalized Learning: Redefining Quality
- The Michigan Division for Early Childhood (MiDEC) 2016 Conference
- HighScope International Pre-conference Session – Closing the Opportunity Gap: Research and Community Efforts to Promote Children's Language-Rich Environment
- Michigan AfterSchool Association Collaborative Summer Summit

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## COSPONSORSHIP

Title of Event: April as Month of the Young Child® 2016

Primary Sponsoring Agency: Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children

Cosponsors: See attached list

Date: April 1-30, 2016

Location: Statewide observance through local and intermediate school districts and relevant community-based organizations.

Purpose: Recognition of April 2016 as Month of the Young Child® in Michigan.

Major Speaker(s): Not applicable

Audience: Early childhood educators, agencies, and organizations; parents; and child care providers

Staff Involvement: One non-career consultant volunteers to represent MDE as a member of the planning committee.

Financial Obligation (please check): Federal   0   State   0   Other   0  

Staff Costs (including fringe benefits and number of days): \$       0      

Other Costs (including meals, phone, postage, travel, etc.): \$       0      

State Board Participation: Not applicable

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**2016 Month of the Young Child® Sponsors  
(invited)**

Association for Child Development  
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Michigan Department of Education  
Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Child Care  
Michigan Division of Early Childhood  
Michigan Head Start Association  
Michigan League for Public Policy  
Prevention Network

## COSPONSORSHIP

Title of Event: 2016 Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children  
Early Childhood Conference

Primary Sponsoring Agency: Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children

Cosponsors: Michigan Department of Education; Early Childhood Investment Corporation; Michigan Chapter of the American Associate Degree Early Childhood Educators; Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Child Care; Michigan Head Start Association

Date: March 31-April 2, 2016

Location: Amway Grand Plaza Hotel and DeVos Place, Grand Rapids, MI

Purpose: To provide participants with current information regarding: research studies, effective teaching strategies, and supportive learning environments for young children and their families.

Major Speaker(s): To be determined

Audience: Early childhood teachers, administrators, support personnel and parents, including representatives of public and private schools, child care centers, Great Start Readiness Program, Head Start and training programs.

Staff Involvement: Staff from the Office of Great Start will conduct presentations to disseminate information regarding state and federally funded Michigan Department of Education programs and will present workshops on relevant topics.

Financial Obligation (please check): Federal  State  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Costs (including fringe benefits and number of days): \$4,080  
(5 staff @ 1 or 2 days)

Other Costs (including meals, phone, postage, travel, etc.): \$ 750

State Board Participation: Yes, as invited guests

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## CO-SPONSORSHIP

Title of Event: 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Online Learning Symposium - The Future of Personalized Learning: Redefining Quality

Primary Sponsoring Agency: Michigan Virtual University (MVU)

Cosponsors: Michigan Department of Education and the State Board of Education (MDE)

Date: April 11, 2016

Location: Kellogg Center, East Lansing, MI

Purpose: To focus on personalized learning, and how online and blended instructional practices contribute to student success.

Major Speaker(s): Brian Whiston, State Superintendent, and Mr. Buddy Barry, Superintendent of Eminence Independence Schools, Eminence, Kentucky

Audience: Superintendents, administrators, curriculum directors, school board members, policy staff, principals, legislators, representatives from state government, and software and hardware industry representatives.

Staff Involvement: Office of Education Improvement and Innovation/ Curriculum and Instruction staff members involved in break-out sessions

Financial Obligation (please check): Federal \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Costs (including fringe benefits and number of days): \$ 0

Other Costs (including meals, phone, postage, travel, etc.): \$ 0

State Board Participation: Yes, as invited guests

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## COSPONSORSHIP

Title of Event: The Michigan Division for Early Childhood (MiDEC) 2016 Conference

Primary Sponsoring Agency: The Michigan Division for Early Childhood (MiDEC) of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)

Cosponsors: Michigan Department of Education

Date: April 29, 2016

Location: Central Michigan University

Purpose: The purpose of the MiDEC conference is to provide current information on how to work with young children with developmental delays or special learning needs and their families. Specific to the 2016 conference, the focus is connecting social and emotional competence to Third Grade Reading Proficiency. Tiered learning opportunities will be provided by the conference keynote presenter to build awareness beforehand, with the intent to expose participants to content allowing for deeper discussions during the keynote and breakout session presentations. Additionally, post conference follow up professional development opportunities will be provided personalized to different levels of competence, confidence, and interests.

Major Speaker(s): Kristie Pretti-Frontczak, Ph.D., Founder of B2K Solutions

Audience: Personnel, administrators, faculty, and parents addressing the development and education of young children with disabilities, birth through eight years of age.

Staff Involvement: Staff will assist in the development of the conference agenda as requested.

Financial Obligation (please check): Federal  X  State      Other    

Staff Costs (including fringe benefits and number of days):  \$ 1,624.00   
(4 staff @ 1 day)

Other Costs (including meals, phone, postage, travel, etc.):

Professional Development Activities	\$ 2,500.00
Keynote and break-out session presenters	\$ 2,500.00
<u>Sign Language Interpreters</u>	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>
Grand Total:	\$ 8,124.00

Michigan Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children conducts an annual conference. MDE is asked to sponsor the conference this year to allow for bringing in a nationally rounded speaker, Kristie Pretti-Frontczak, whose expertise is on understanding the connection between early childhood social and emotional competence and Third Grade Reading proficiency. In addition to her speaking at the conference, she will also develop and offer pre-conference and post-conference supports to conference registrants/attendees via on-demand online learning opportunities on this topic. This is an innovative approach to extend professional development beyond the conference event that is more likely to result in higher transformational learning and application.

State Board Participation: Yes, as invited guests

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## COSPONSORSHIP

Title of Event: HighScope International Pre-conference Session – Closing the Opportunity Gap: Research and Community Efforts to Promote Children’s Language-Rich Environment

Primary Sponsoring Agency: Michigan Department of Education

Cosponsors: To be determined

Date: May 9, 2016

Location: Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center

Purpose: This preconference session is designed to facilitate conversations amongst policy makers, researchers and evaluators in the early childhood field, working across early childhood programs such as K-3, Head Start, State Prekindergarten, home visiting, and other family support services.

Major Speaker(s): Walter S. Gilliam, PhD.

Audience: Local and regional early childhood evaluators, researchers, policy makers, and stakeholders.

Staff Involvement: Planning and attendance, four or five staff members.

Financial Obligation (please check): Federal \_\_\_\_\_ State  X  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Costs (including fringe benefits and number of days):  \$ 3,500.00

Other Costs (including meals, phone, postage, travel, etc.):  \$ 400.00

State Board Participation: Yes, as invited guests

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## COSPONSORSHIP

Title of Event: Michigan Afterschool Association Collaborative Summer Summit

Primary Sponsoring Agency: Michigan Department of Education

Cosponsors: Michigan AfterSchool Association

Date: May 13, 2016

Location: Crowne Plaza Lansing West

Purpose: To provide Michigan's out-of-school time learning community professional development that emphasizes the importance of integrating services through collaboration among out-of-school time learning programs, public schools, community agencies and families.

Major Speaker(s): To be determined

Audience: Out-of-school field which includes teachers, on-site staff, administrators, child care providers, and parents.

Staff Involvement: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Staff

Financial Obligation (please check): Federal  State  Other

Staff Costs (including fringe benefits and number of days): \$ 8,000.00  
(approx. 100 hrs. total for four staff members)

Other Costs (including meals, phone, postage, travel, etc.):	
Meeting Space Rental and AV Equipment	\$ 3,300.00
Breakfast for estimated 400 participants	\$ 4,500.00
Lunch for estimated 400 participants	\$ 4,500.00
<u>Printing and Materials</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Grand Total:	\$20,800.00

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