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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Report on the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

Pursuant to Section 380.1711 of the School Code of 1976, each Intermediate School District (ISD) must develop, establish, continually evaluate, and modify its Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services (Plan). Approval indicates that the ISD's and local constituent districts' special education programs and services described in the Plan meet standards which are consistent with federal and state requirements. Approval also allows ISDs to receive reimbursement pursuant to the State School Aid Act.

Staff has reviewed, and I have approved, the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Plan. Attachment A is a summary of the changes from the previously approved Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Plan.

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Summary of Changes to the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Plan

The Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services (Plan) has been modified to bring it into alignment with the Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education (Rules 340.1738, 340.1748, and 340.1832). Included in the changes is in the Early Childhood Program to be a part of Rule 340.1832(e), Alternative Special Education Programs and Services. Various updates of a less significant nature are included throughout the Plan.

- Revised Table of Contents
- Revised Table of Figures
- Updated Signature Pages
- Updated Introduction
- Updated Procedures to Provide Special Education Information
- Updated Special Education Representatives and Chart
- Updated Communicating the Availability of Special Education Programs
- Revised and updated Diagnostic and Related Services Chart
- Updated Special Education Programs for Students with Disabilities section
- Added description of Programs for Students with Severe Cognitive Impairment (SCI) and Severe Multiple Impairments (SXI)
- Updated Special Education Programs Chart
- Updated Center Operated Programs List
- Revised Alternative Special Education Programs List
- Added Early Childhood Special Education Programs to the list of alternative programs
- Brought SCI/SXI programs into alignment with the Michigan Department of Education requirement and deleted them from the list of Alternative Special Education Programs
- Updated Parent Advisory Committee section
- Added Confidentiality Assurance Statement
- Removed Homebound/Hospitalized Programs Statement

The Early Childhood Special Education Programs have been added to Rule 340.1832(e), Alternative Programs and Services. This modification to the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Plan would require Early Childhood Special Education Programs to be scheduled for a minimum of 360 clock hours and 144 days of instruction. However, districts would be allowed to operate at 141 days provided they meet the minimum of 360 clock hours, and that any reduction in days is based upon unforeseen circumstances. This change is necessary to enable schools to close for unforeseen circumstances (inclement weather, illness) without being penalized, such as is permitted in the School Code. The minimum number of clock hours would remain at 360;

therefore, this change would not have a negative impact on the staff, students, or quality of individualized instruction that students receive. The full-time equated membership would be prorated by dividing the number of class hours scheduled and provided per year by 450 as per Section 388.1606(6)(4)(aa) of the State Aid Act.