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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 19, 2018

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Shulawn Doxie, Interim Deputy Superintendent 
P-20 System and Student Transitions

SUBJECT: Market Rate Survey 2017/2018

The Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) grant supports the Top 10 in 10 strategic goals one and four by helping to promote families' economic self-sufficiency by making child care more affordable and fostering healthy child development and school success by improving the overall quality of early learning and afterschool programs. It also makes significant advancements by defining health and safety requirements for child care providers, outlining family-friendly eligibility policies, and ensuring parents and the general public have transparent information about the child care choices available to them.

Every three years, a State Plan must be completed for the CCDF dollars received to support low-income families with access to child care and improving the quality of child care. One requirement of receiving CCDF funding is to conduct a child care Market Rate Survey (MRS). States use market rate surveys to establish the maximum child care payment rates high enough to increase access to high quality, affordable child care of all types for families using subsidy. Until 2014, states studied prices rather than costs in the market rate survey. However, it has been found that the costs to facilities and providers for providing affordable high-quality care are often greater than the prices charged to parents. As a result, states are now encouraged to find ways to study costs in addition to the market rates.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is responsible for administering the federal child care subsidy funds, which are disbursed through the Office of Great Start (OGS) Child Development and Care (CDC). The MDE contracted with Public Policy Associates, Incorporated (PPA) to conduct the 2017 MRS and analysis of the cost of providing high-quality child care.

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As part of meeting new federal requirements, we are offering an opportunity to provide feedback on the main recommendations from the most recent MRS. Here are some ways you can comment.

Comments

You may review a draft of the [2017/2018 Market Rate Survey](#) which will be posted for your review and comments through June 1, 2018.

If you would like to make a comment on the MRS, you can do so in one the following ways:

- Participate in a survey, which will provide you an opportunity to comment on current policies and procedures. You can access the survey from April 10, 2018, to June 1, 2018, at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MRS2018>.
- Submit written comments to the MDE Office of Great Start, Child Development and Care. Comments must be submitted prior to close of business on Friday, June 1, 2018, and can be submitted in any of the following ways:
 - o By mail to:
Office of Great Start-Child Development and Care
P.O. Box 30008
Lansing, MI 48909
 - o By fax to 517-241-8679
 - o By email to MDE-CDC-ADMIN@michigan.gov

If you have questions about these opportunities, please contact Lisa Brewer-Walraven at 517-241-9492 or at brewer-walravenl@michigan.gov. As always, your support and comments are appreciated.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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