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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 28, 2019

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

FROM: Dr. Scott M. Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent 
P-20 System and Student Transitions

SUBJECT: Public Comment Requested on the Proposed Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Application

The Michigan Department of Education, Office of Great Start, is requesting public comment on the proposed Michigan Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (aka *Early On*®) Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019 application. The application to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, supports Michigan's Top 10 in 10 Strategic Goal 1, Strategy 1.1 (b) designed to "promote engagement of families from a child's birth that encourage optimal development of children prior to kindergarten" through "allocating funding to provide early intervention services to the infants and toddlers with disabilities and developmental delays identified through *Early On*." Early intervention also influences Strategic Goal 4 which is designed 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.

The period of public participation extends February 25 to April 29, 2019, with a window of public comment being accepted from March 12 - April 12, 2019 by 5 p.m. Click on the following link for the draft FFY 2019 application and public comment instructions: [Part C Notice of Public Comment](#). All comments will be reviewed and considered.

For additional information, please contact MDE-ECEPubComment@michigan.gov or 517-241-7004.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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