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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Intermediate School District Directors of Special Education

**DATE:** April 24, 2006

**FROM:** Jacquelyn J. Thompson, Director, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services  
 Lindy Buch, Director, Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services *LB*

**SUBJECT:** Measuring Preschool Outcomes and Notice of Upcoming Zoomerang Survey

You will be asked to complete a Zoomerang Survey that will be sent to you within the next couple of weeks. This survey will assist in the preparation for meeting requirements under the federally required State Performance Plan (SPP).

Under the reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 2004) each state is required to develop and implement a State Performance Plan (SPP). Michigan's SPP has been submitted and approved by the United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and assures continued eligibility for federal funding. The SPP contains improvement strategies based upon compliance findings and student performance data.

The SPP consists of 20 outcome indicators. This communication is specific to Indicator #7: *Preschool Outcomes: Percent of preschool children with Individual Education Plans (IEPs) who demonstrated improved:*

- A. *Positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships);*
- B. *Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language/communication and early literacy); and*
- C. *Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs.*

Work relating to SPP Indicator #7 will require the development of an Information Management System that will allow MDE to collect information at the child service

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level. Collaboration between the Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services (ECE&FS) and the Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services (OSE/IES) and a grantee will result in the creation of this information management system. ECE&FS and OSE/EIS will focus on the collection of baseline data in the Fall 2006 academic year needed for the February 2007 submission of the Annual Performance Report (APR).

**We are asking that you complete a Zoomerang Survey that will be sent to you within the next couple of weeks.** If early childhood special education services and resources are provided by the Local Education Agencies (LEAs) in your area, we ask that you request the LEA Special Education Director to complete the survey. The information gathered from the Zoomerang Survey will inform the design of the information management system.

Thank you in advance for your help in implementing this important survey. Please contact Stefanie Kujaczynski from ECE&FS at (517) 241-6354 or Sharon Dietrich from OSE/EIS at (517) 335-0440 with questions or for technical assistance.

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