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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Intermediate School District Superintendents
Great Start Collaborative Directors

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

SUBJECT: FY20 Section 32p Tentative Allocations

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE), Office of Great Start/Early Childhood Development and Family Education, is pleased to announce Section 32p tentative allocations which are based on the funding formula approved in August 2019 by the State Board of Education for equitable distribution of funds. Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 will have only State School Aid funding incorporated into the funding allocations for the Great Start Collaboratives and Parent Coalitions (GSCs/GSPCs).

Legislative obligations for the Childcare Development Fund (CCDF) coupled with an analysis of carryover funds, will bring changes in the allocations that local GSCs and GSPCs will receive for FY20. CCDF funds are authorized to increase quality of childcare and the availability of childcare in states. Since the initial availability of these funds for use by the GSCs/GSPCs there has been federal reauthorization, additional State Plan requirements, TEACH funding and other required obligations. These factors have resulted in the lack of availability of CCDF funds for GSC/GSPC use in FY20. In addition, carryover was and continues to be at high levels in context of the state as a whole. While carryover is allowable and some GSCs/GSPCs do not carryover any funds, other areas have had high levels of carryover.

As a result of this funding change, each GSC/GSPC will be seeing a decrease in their overall allocation. For FY20 the minimum required base amounts for both the GSC/GSPC and Early Childhood Programming will remain the same as FY 2019. The minimum required amount budgeted for the GSC/GSPC will remain at \$115,000. This will allow each GSC/GSPC to continue to meet the requirements set in statute and the criteria requirements despite the reduction in overall funding. The minimum amount budgeted for Early Childhood Programming will remain at \$15,000. This will allow for local programming to continue, especially for those children that are at

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highest risk, but also allowing the Section 32p funding to still meet the intended purposes and goals set forth in statute and the criteria.

The purpose of the Section 32p Grants is to ensure local coordination and expansion of infrastructure, as well as programming. The ultimate purpose is to ensure that children are born healthy; that they are healthy, thriving, and developmentally on track from birth to third grade; that they are developmentally ready to succeed in school at the time of school entry; and, that they are prepared to succeed in fourth grade and beyond by reading proficiently by the end of third grade.

Section 32p Grants funds may be used for activities that support the local collaborative's Great Start Strategic Plan and must be designed to contribute to achieving the four early childhood outcomes, through a system that includes supports for children birth through age 8 in physical health, social emotional health, family supports and basic needs, parent education and child advocacy, and early education and care. The Section 32p Grants funds are intended to support the core costs for implementation of the GSC/GSPC as well as provide for programs and services that will lead to better outcomes for children. GSCs/GSPCs are encouraged to develop a budget that uses funds efficiently while at the same time ensuring that prenatal to age 8 outcomes are achieved.

Once the required base costs are met, the GSC/GSPC and the ISD collaboratively discern the best use of the funds, utilizing the needs assessment/gap analyses that drove development of the strategic plan as updated annually through the action agenda, while at the same time, attending to any constraints noted in the criteria. MDE/OGS reserves the right to disallow fund usage for expenditures for items deemed unreasonable or not cost-effective.

To locate an intermediate school district's 2019-2020 Section 32p Grant allocation, please visit <http://www.michigan.gov/32p> and click on "[FY20 Section 32p Tentative Allocations List](#)." The Office of Great Start will send additional communications regarding the FY20 Section 32p Grants application as well as additional guidance once they are made available.

Questions regarding the Section 32p Grant application should be directed to Director René DeMars-Johnson, demars-johnsonr@michigan.gov or (517)241-0162, or Great Start Programs Specialist Rachel Pritchard, pritchardr@michigan.gov or (517)241-4766, within the Office of Great Start/Early Childhood Development and Family Education.