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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 15, 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

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SUBJECT: Public Comment on the Proposed Standards for the Preparation of Teachers of Early Childhood General and Special Education (Birth-Kindergarten)

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE), Office of Great Start – Preschool and Out-of-School-Time Learning is requesting public comment on the proposed Michigan Standards for the Preparation of Teachers of Early Childhood General and Special Education (Birth-Kindergarten) to be used for guiding preparation of candidates seeking certification in these fields.

The standards were updated to support the Top 10 in 10 Years Strategic Goal 3 to “develop, support, and sustain a high-quality, prepared, and collaborative education workforce” and the implementation of the revised certification structure. This set of standards will replace Michigan’s current preparation standards for teachers of Early Childhood PK General and Special Education (ZS) and will inform program development and continuous improvement efforts at Michigan’s educator preparation institutions.

The proposed Michigan Standards for the Preparation of Teachers of Early Childhood General and Special Education (Birth-Kindergarten) are available at the [MDE website](#).

All feedback must be submitted by 5:00 p.m., September 23, 2019 online at: [B-K Preparation Public Comment](#).

The MDE will review and consider all comments in the final recommendation to the Michigan State Board of Education.

For additional information, please contact Tammy Salazar at salazart2@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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