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MEMORANDUM

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

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

SUBJECT: Continuity of Learning Plans for Early Childhood Programs and Services –
MEMO #COVID-19-071

This communication is to clarify and affirm previous Michigan Department of Education (MDE) guidance regarding the [Governor's Executive Order \(E.O.\) 2020-65](#) and implications for including early childhood programs and services in Continuity of Learning plans ("CoL plan").

As stated in E.O. 2020-65, Section II.2(g):

"Any CoL Plan adopted by an intermediate district pursuant to section II.6 of this order shall include a plan for early childhood services, including Great Start Readiness Program, compliant with the requirements of section II.16 of this order and guidance issued by the Department. For purposes of this section, the Early Childhood Plan may be incorporated in the original CoL Plan submitted for approval or submitted for approval as an amendment or addendum to the district's currently approved CoL Plan."

Furthermore, E.O. 2020-65, Section II.8 states:

"Intermediate districts and authorizing bodies shall transmit copies of approved CoL Plans to the Superintendent and to the State Treasurer. If a district or intermediate district maintains a public internet site, the district or intermediate district shall post its approved CoL Plan on the internet site."

Therefore, intermediate school districts (ISDs) must submit all CoL plans with early childhood addenda to the state superintendent and state treasurer and retain a copy at the ISD. This is inclusive of the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP), *Early On*[®], Sections 32p/32p(4), and any additional district- and ISD-operated early childhood service.

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Please find a link below to the template for local school districts and public school academies to develop their CoL and COVID-19 response plans. This template was developed in collaboration with the governor's office, Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators, and the Michigan Council of Charter School Authorizers. There is no deadline for submission of amended CoL plans and ISDs may submit as many amended CoL plans as needed to reflect the continuum of ISD services.

Amended CoL plans may be submitted to the state superintendent and state treasurer by uploading a complete copy of the approved CoL plan to the following link <http://bit.ly/2020CLRP>.

Questions can be directed to the appropriate ISD or public school academy authorizer, or to the relevant office within MDE.

Thank you for your continued service to our children under these extraordinarily challenging circumstances.

Link: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/MICLPlan.FINAL_685762_7.pdf

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
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