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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents, Public School Academy Directors, and Preschool Special Education Stakeholders

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
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RE: **Grant Opportunities** for Early Childhood Education and Family Services

The Michigan Department of Education is pleased to announce the availability of funds for two subgrants to support the **Preschool Indicators Grant** for IDEA Part B/Section 619, Preschool Special Education Preschool programs and services. There are two components of the grant: 1) to compile data and develop all appropriate reports for Part B/Section 619; and 2) to coordinate and provide regional professional development and technical assistance to the Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) for Part B/Section 619 staff. Various stakeholders are eligible to apply including school districts, public or private profit or nonprofit organizations, or institutions of higher learning.

Data Analysis and Reporting Subgrant (\$80,000)

The objective of this subgrant is to use evaluation methods to improve preschool special education initiatives, particularly early childhood outcomes and inclusive environments for preschool children with special needs. Part B of IDEA requires data collection and reporting on preschool outcomes, and preschool educational environments, in addition to other data.

Professional Development and Technical Assistance Subgrant (\$145,000)

The specific purpose of this subgrant is to provide the coordination, implementation, and management of professional development and technical assistance to increase early childhood outcomes, develop inclusive educational environments, and to support other preschool special education initiatives.

Grant instructions and application forms are posted on line at www.michigan.gov/ecse. Additional questions regarding the Preschool Indicators Grant may be directed to Noel Cole, Michigan Department of Education, 517-241-6354, or colen@michigan.gov.

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