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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** August 29, 2019

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

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

**SUBJECT:** Translations of Procedural Safeguards Protecting Families' Rights  
and *Early On* Due Process Complaint Procedure Documents

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE), Office of Great Start/Early Childhood Development and Family Education (OGS/ECD&FE), is pleased to announce the *Early On*<sup>®</sup> Procedural Safeguards Protecting Families' Rights and *Early On* Due Process Complaint Procedure documents are now available in Arabic and Spanish languages. *Early On* is authorized through Part C of the Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. (IDEA). *Early On* is the system of early intervention services for infants and toddlers, birth to age three, with disabilities and/or delays, and their families.

It has been documented that early intervention is an effective way to prevent or reduce problems for children at a later age. This collective work addresses Michigan's Top 10 in 10 Strategic Plan, Goal 1: to provide every child access to an aligned, high-quality P-20 system from early childhood to post-secondary attainment. Specifically, *Early On* addresses Strategy 1.1, in which we all set in place policies that promote engagement of families from a child's birth that encourages optimal development of children prior to kindergarten. MDE thanks those who ensure necessary connections for infants, toddlers and their families who are participating in *Early On*.

These documents, along with the English language versions, are available online at [www.michigan.gov/earlyon](http://www.michigan.gov/earlyon) and <http://eotta.ccesa.org>. Questions may be directed to an *Early On* consultant in MDE's OGS/ECD&FE at 517-241-7004.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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