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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Mike Flanagan, Superintendent 

**RE:** **Grant Opportunity** for Early Childhood Education and Family Services

The Michigan Department of Education is pleased to announce a **William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program** grant opportunity, pending State Board of Education approval of proposed selection criteria. The goal of the William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program is to develop demonstration projects that focus on providing intensive family literacy services. These funds are geared toward improving the literacy skills of parents, helping them become full partners in educating their children, and assisting children to reach their full potential as learners. Program models must include adult education, early childhood education, parent education and parent-child educational activities. A local or intermediate school district or a public school academy joined in partnership with a public or private nonprofit, community-based agency or institution of higher education may apply for a grant. Due to a significant reduction in the federal allocation, this grant competition currently has identified sufficient funds to offer one grant at the minimum allowed by the legislation.

A technical assistance session for this grant opportunity will be held on Friday, February 15, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon in Lansing. Details on this session, including optional webinar instructions, as well as the grant instructions and application forms, are available on-line at: [www.michigan.gov/evenstart](http://www.michigan.gov/evenstart), and click on "Even Start TA Workshop" in the "Important Dates" list.

Questions regarding the 2008-2009 William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program grants may be directed to Reneé De Mars-Johnson, Supervisor and Cheryl Hall, Consultant; Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services. Both may be reached at (517) 373-8483. You may also contact them using their email addresses. Ms. De Mars-Johnson's email address is [demars-johnsonr@michigan.gov](mailto:demars-johnsonr@michigan.gov). Ms. Hall's email address is [hallc7@michigan.gov](mailto:hallc7@michigan.gov).

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