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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 3, 2020

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

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

SUBJECT: Latest Updates from the federal Office of Head Start: Responding to
COVID-19 - MEMO #COVID-19-065

The federal Office of Head Start (OHS) is focused on prioritizing Head Start children and families by supporting grantee leadership and empowering local decision-making. Below are links from OHS that provide guidance and support to grantees.

- Responding to Head Start grantee questions on COVID-19: [Volume May 21, 2020](#)
This recent question and answer publication from OHS provides general guidance to grantees as they make local decisions related to COVID-19.
- Program Instruction (PI) [ACF-PI-HS-20-04](#) *Update to Funding for FY 2020 Supplemental Funds in Response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)*
This PI provides updated funding instructions that allow greater flexibility for all grantees in response to the unique and constantly evolving circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. This PI supersedes ACF-PI-HS-20-03, published on April 14, 2020.
- Information Memorandum (IM) [ACF-IM-HS-20-03](#) *Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Fiscal Flexibilities*
This IM describes how the OHS is implementing each item from the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Information Memorandum: [IM-ACF-OA-2020-01](#): *ACF grant flexibilities in conducting human service activities related to or affected by COVID-19*, issued on March 30, 2020. Some items are implemented by OHS, as issued by ACF and others, are implemented with noted program-specific guidance.

For questions regarding this memo, please contact Cynthia Derby at derbyc@michigan.gov or 517-930-4387.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
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