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TO: Intermediate School District Early Childhood Contacts

FROM: Pat Sargent
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SUBJECT: Child Information Reporting

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) are excited to announce our partnership in integrating Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) eligibility and qualifying factor information into the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS). This information was previously collected in the Michigan Electronic Grants System Plus (MEGS+). Starting with the Early Childhood End of Program 2018 Collection, the child level information previously reported in MEGS+ on the GSRP Child Information and Staff Report (CISR) must be reported in the MSDS. The fields reported on the 2016-17 CISR now collected in the MSDS are: "Additional Risk Factors" and "Working Parents". All other child fields are already collected in MSDS.

This integration is necessary to provide greater security on child eligibility data. The benefits extend to reducing duplicate reporting by districts, connection of eligibility and service information, and later an enhanced longitudinal view of your programs as well.

Detailed information on these changes is forthcoming in the next few weeks. We appreciate your patience as this information is relayed to the field.

Note: At this time, staffing information for GSRP will continue to be collected in MEGS+.

Questions? If you have questions regarding data collection and quality, contact CEPI customer support by email at CEPI@michigan.gov or call 517-335-0505 x3. For policy questions, contact the MDE Office of Great Start at 517-373-8483 to speak with a GSRP consultant.

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