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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 9, 2019

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

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

SUBJECT: Determination Requirements under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Sections 616(a)(1)(C), 616(d), 642, and 34 CFR 303.700(a)(2), requires states to make determinations of performance for each *Early On* (Part C of IDEA) local service area. In Michigan, the determination is based on selected 2017-2018 data collected in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS), and any findings issued based upon data, focused monitoring desk reviews, or on-site visits. Timely correction of any previously cited noncompliance is also considered. The data used correspond to the State Performance Plan indicators as required by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs.

States are required to use the four determination categories outlined in the IDEA to evaluate each local service area, which are:

- Meets the requirements and purposes of Part C;
- Needs assistance in implementing the requirements of Part C;
- Needs intervention in implementing the requirements of Part C; or
- Needs substantial intervention in implementing the requirements of Part C.

A more detailed letter from Reneé DeMars-Johnson, Director of the Office of Great Start/Early Childhood Development and Family Education (OGS/ECD&FE), will be posted in the May 15, 2019 Part C Catamaran Release sharing information on the local service area's determination.

We truly appreciate your efforts to improve results for young children with disabilities and their families and look forward to continuing our work with you. The work that you do, and your attention to improving results allows us to realize Goal 1 within Michigan's Top 10 in 10 plan in which we seek to "Provide every child access to an aligned, high-quality P-20 system from early childhood to post-secondary attainment...to maximize lifetime learning and success." Please feel free to contact *Early On* staff in OGS/ECD&FE at 517-241-7004 if you have questions. Thank you.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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