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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 14, 2020

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

FROM: Dr. Scott M. 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 2018-2019 data collected in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS), and any findings issued by the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Great Start/Early Childhood Development and Family Education (OGS/ECD&FE) 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/Annual Performance Report 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 Noel Kelly, director of OGS/ECD&FE, will be posted in Catamaran that will provide 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. Please feel free to contact Noel Kelly at keltyn@michigan.gov if you have questions.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors

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