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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 30, 2021

TO: Intermediate School District Superintendents
Great Start Collaborative Directors

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

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2022 Section 32p Allocations

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE), Office of Great Start (OGS)/Early Childhood Development and Family Education, once again is pleased to announce Section 32p allocations, based on the funding formula for equitable distribution of funds that were approved in August 2019 by the State Board of Education. For Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, Michigan's 54 Great Start Collaboratives (GSCs) and 61 parent coalitions (GSPCs) will utilize \$10.9 million dollars in state school aid funding that will be distributed using the approved formula.

For FY 2022, the minimum required base amounts for both the GSC/GSPC and early childhood programming funding will remain at \$120,000 for each GSC. This will allow each GSC/GSPC to continue to meet the requirements set in [statute](#) and [criteria](#) requirements. The minimum amount budgeted for early childhood programming will remain at \$15,000 for each GSC. This will allow for local programming to continue, especially for children who are at the highest risk.

Section 32p grant funds are to be used for strategies that support the local collaborative's Great Start strategic plan and must be designed to contribute to achieving [Michigan's four early childhood outcomes](#):

- Children born healthy
- Children healthy, thriving, and developmentally on track from birth to third grade
- Children developmentally ready to succeed in school at the time of school entry
- Children prepared to succeed in fourth grade and beyond by reading proficiently by the end of third grade.

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The section 32p grant funds are intended to support the core costs for implementation of the GSC/GSPC and provide programs and services that will lead to better outcomes for children. GSCs/GSPCs are each to develop a budget that uses funds efficiently and ensures that prenatal to age eight outcomes are achieved.

Once the required base costs are met, GSCs/GSPCs will determine the best use of their remaining funds by utilizing local needs assessment/gap analyses. MDE/OGS reserves the right to disallow fund usage for expenditures for items deemed not to be reasonable or cost effective.

In addition, [Section 32p subsection 6](#) outlines the amount of funding each GSC/GSPC can carry over into the next fiscal year. In FY 2022, the amount of funds allowable for carryover will be capped at 20 percent and in FY 2023, the amount of carryover funds will be capped at 15 percent. Funds unexpended at the end of the fiscal year in excess of the cap amounts will be recovered by MDE/OGS no later than September 30 of the following fiscal year, in a similar manner as unexpended carryover funds at the end of the allowable carryover period.

To locate an intermediate school district's 2021-2022 Section 32p allocation, please visit the MDE website and click on [FY22 Section 32p allocations list](#). OGS will send additional communications regarding the FY 2022 Section 32p grants application, as well as additional implementation documents, once they are made available.

Questions regarding the Section 32p grants application should be directed to Early Childhood Development and Family Education Director Dr. Noel Kelty, keltyn@michigan.gov or 517-241-0162, or Great Start Programs Specialist Rachel Pritchard, pritchardr@michigan.gov or 517-241-4766, within the Office of Great Start/Early Childhood Development and Family Education.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
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