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MEMORANDUM

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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 2022-23 Section 32p Allocations

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) Office of Great Start (OGS)/Early Childhood Development and Family Education is pleased to announce the Section 32p allocations based on the funding formula for equitable distribution of funds, which were approved in August 2019 by the State Board of Education. For Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23, Michigan's 54 Great Start Collaboratives (GSCs) and 61 Great Start Parent Coalitions (GSPCs) will utilize \$10.9 million in state school aid funding, which will be distributed using the approved formula.

While there were great investments and increases for early childhood and education in the newly enacted FY 2022-23 state School Aid act, there were no additional funds for implementation under Section 32p. The Section 32p funding remains at \$10.9 million. Thus, the minimum required base amount for GSC/GSPC implementation will be \$135,000 for FY 2022-23 to continue to meet the requirements set in [statute](#) (page 62) and to meet the requirements in [criteria](#). Each GSC/GSPC will have the option to use Section 32p funds to implement programming, but there will be no minimum base amount requirement in FY 2022-23.

Section 32p grant funds are to be used for strategies that support the local collaborative's Great Start strategic plan. The goal of each GSC/GSPC is to ensure the coordination and expansion of the local early childhood system, including the expansion of early childhood learning opportunities connected to [Michigan's Top 10 Strategic Education Plan](#), and must be designed to contribute to achieving [Michigan's four early childhood outcomes](#):

- (1) Children are born healthy.
- (2) Children are healthy, thriving, and developmentally on track from birth to third grade.

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- (3) Children are developmentally ready to succeed in school at the time of school entry.
- (4) Children are prepared to succeed in fourth grade and beyond by reading proficiently by the end of third grade.

The Section 32p grant funds are intended to support the operations, administration, and implementation of the GSC/GSPC and to provide supports that will lead to better outcomes for children. GSCs/GSPCs are 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 the local needs assessment/gap analyses. MDE/OGS reserves the right to disallow fund usage for expenditures for items deemed not reasonable or cost effective.

In addition, [Section 32p subsection 6](#) (page 63) outlines the amount of funding each GSC/GSPC can carry over into the next fiscal year. In FY 2022-23, 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.

To locate an intermediate school district's FY 2022-23 Section 32p allocation, please visit the MDE website and click on [Fiscal Year 2022-23 State School Aid Act Section 32p Allocations](#). OGS program specialists will send additional communications regarding the FY2022-23 Section 32p grants application, as well as additional implementation documents, to ensure submission no later than September 15, 2022.

Questions regarding the Section 32p grants application should be directed to Great Start Programs Specialist Rachel Pritchard at PritchardR@Michigan.gov or 517-275-1982 within the Office of Great Start/Early Childhood Development and Family Education.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
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