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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 15, 2022

TO: *Early On*[®] Coordinators, Directors of Special Education, and Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council Members

FROM: Noel Kelty, Ph.D., Director *NK*
Office of Great Start/Early Childhood Development and Family Education

SUBJECT: Michigan Part C Determination

Michigan Part C has received the 2022 determination from the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). Our determination this year is "Needs Assistance" which is a decrease from last year's determination of "Meets Requirements."

The following data points were used in the calculation of the determination:

- Compliance indicator performance data
- Timely correction of identified noncompliance
- Timely and accurate state-reported data
- Publicly available information, such as special conditions on the state's grant award under Part C
- Any other issues related to state compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Data completeness (the percentage of exiting children with child outcome entry and exit data reported)
- Data anomalies (statistically significant anomalies in child outcome data)
- Comparison of Michigan's Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020 child outcome data to FFY 2020 child outcome data of other states
- Comparison of Michigan's FFY 2020 child outcome data to Michigan's FFY 2019 child outcome data

Michigan received an overall score of 75 percent for its 2022 federal determination performance rating on meeting the requirements and outcomes of IDEA, Part C for the 2020-2021 program year. This score represents a 6.25 percentage point decrease from a score of 81.25 percent for the previous program year. The threshold for a determination of "Meets Requirements" is 80 percent.

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Our compliance scores all remain at 100 percent.

Our child outcomes data completeness rate (57.61 percent) increased by 1.95 percentage points compared to last year (55.66). However, we need to reach a score of at least 65 percent to meet requirements for this element. So, there is room for improvement.

The comparison of Michigan's child outcome data to the data of other states fell below the 90th percentile and above the 10th percentile on each of the six child outcome data points, having some negative impact on the scoring for our determination. Our data would need to fall at or above the 90th percentile on at least three of the six child outcome data points to score perfectly on this comparison.

Comparison of our child outcome data year-to-year slipped over last year, resulting in a lower score in this area. The lower outcome scores are most likely a result of COVID-19. Our data reflected a significant decrease on four of the six child outcome data points. The two remaining child outcome data points saw no significant change. For a perfect score and to make the most positive impact on our determination, we need at least four child outcome data points to show statistically significant increases from one year to the next.

Thank you for your partnership and efforts in serving Michigan children and their families.