MEMORANDUM

DATE:       July 16, 2015

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

FROM:       Susan Broman, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT:    Grant Opportunities for IDEA Part B/Section 619, Preschool Special
            Education within the Office of Great Start/Preschool and
            Out-of-School Time Learning

The Michigan Department of Education/Office of Great Start is pleased to announce
the availability of two subgrants to support the Preschool Indicators Grant for IDEA
Part B/Section 619, Preschool Special Education programs and services. There are
two components to the grant: 1) to compile data and develop all appropriate reports
for Part B/Section 619; and 2) to coordinate and provide regional professional
development and technical assistance to the Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) for
Part B/Section 619 staff. Various stakeholders are eligible to apply including school
districts, public or private profit or nonprofit organizations, or institutions of higher
learning.

Data Analysis and Reporting Subgrant ($90,000)

The objective of this subgrant is to use evaluation methods to improve preschool
special education initiatives, particularly early childhood outcomes and inclusive
environments for preschool children with special needs. Part B of IDEA requires data
collection and reporting on preschool outcomes, and preschool educational
environments, in addition to other data.

Professional Development and Technical Assistance Subgrant ($160,000)

The specific purpose of this subgrant is to provide the coordination, implementation,
and management of professional development and technical assistance to increase
early childhood outcomes and inclusive opportunities for preschool-aged children,
and to support other preschool special education initiatives.
A teleconference for this grant opportunity will be held on July 23, 2015. Details regarding this call are available on-line at www.michigan.gov/ecse.

Grant instructions and application forms are posted on line at www.michigan.gov/ecse. Additional questions regarding the Preschool Indicators Grant may be directed to Lisa Wasacz, Office of Great Start/Preschool and Out-of-School Time Learning, 517-241-4520, or wasaczL@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance