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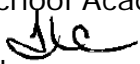
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 23, 2015

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

FROM: 
Teri L. Chapman, Ed.S., Director
Office of Special Education

SUBJECT: **Clarification of Rule 340.1755 and Rule 340.1862 of the Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education**

Effective September 1, 2016, in order for a district to receive special education membership for a student participating in Early Childhood Special Education Services (Rule 340.1755), the service must be documented on an Individualized Education Program (IEP). The IEP must state that the child is receiving Rule 340.1755 services. Children may begin receiving services under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) at two years and six months.

Rule 340.1755 and Rule 340.1862 state that, services may be provided by an approved staff member working under the educational direction of an approved or endorsed early childhood special education teacher. In order to determine if the services provided under Rule 340.1755 and Rule 340.1862 are complying with the Rules, the approved or endorsed early childhood special education teacher must sign all related services staff logs. In addition, the approved or endorsed early childhood special education teacher must have contact with the child once a month and provide documentation of such contact.

Children receiving special education services under an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) in accordance with Rule 340.1862 must state on the IFSP that the child is receiving Rule 340.1862 services. Children with IFSP's will no longer generate membership under Rule 340.1755.

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