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MEMORANDUM

To: Early Childhood Administrators

From: Mike Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction 

Subject: Resources for Parents of Kindergarten-Age Children

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE), Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services, is pleased to share a resource for parents of children entering kindergarten. The resource is a culmination of many offices within MDE working together to develop *Parent Guides*, a series of tip sheets which highlight a variety of questions parents may have when their children are entering kindergarten.

The *Parent Guides* were developed out of a request from a stakeholder group of parents of young children who reported that the most difficult transition time for them was kindergarten entry. The *Parent Guides* were reviewed by the Parent Involvement Committee of the State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) and were approved by the SICC and authorized for distribution by MDE.

The *Parent Guides* are available on the following websites and are arranged by topics so parents may select the *Parent Guides* that are relevant to their needs.

The Michigan Department of Education: www.michigan.gov/mde
Early On® Training and Technical Assistance: <http://eotta.ccrea.org>
The Center for Education Networking (CEN): www.cenmi.org
Michigan Great Start: www.greatstartforkids.org

We are requesting that you share the attached letter, along with the list of available *Parent Guides*, with parents and those in your community who have contact with families of preschool children.

Thank you for your support in helping to prepare the children and families of Michigan for a successful transition to kindergarten.

Attachment

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