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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** October 18, 2018

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

**FROM:** Dr. Scott M. Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent   
P-20 System and Student Transitions

**SUBJECT:** Michigan Department of Education Recruiting Reviewers for Great Start  
Readiness Program Curriculum Review Committee

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is recruiting members for its Curriculum Review Committee (CRC), which is charged with reviewing, scoring, and approving curricula for the state's Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP). The MDE is committed to identifying highly qualified individuals to serve on the CRC. Please feel free to distribute this information to potential eligible individuals, listservs, or groups that may be interested. This work contributes to and supports Michigan's Top 10 in 10 Goals for Goal 1: Strategy 1.2: Expand access to quality publicly-funded preschool for all four-year-olds by 2010 and three-year-olds by 2025.

The CRC will consist of nine members serving for three-year terms that represent the following perspectives:

- **GSRP providers:** Potential members include administrators with certification in early childhood and relevant experience working with GSRP from intermediate school districts, other school districts, public school academies, community-based providers, and Head Start.
- **Early learning and education experts:** Potential members include professionals with expertise across a broad spectrum of early childhood education and development, such as infant and toddler development, child assessments, or developmental screening tools.
- **Higher education:** Potential members include university or community college researchers or administrators with expertise in pre-K or early education policy, programming, or curriculum.
- **K–3 educators:** Potential member is an educator or administrator with certification in early childhood and relevant experience working with GSRP graduates in K–3 classrooms.

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- **MDE personnel:** Potential member could include staff with expertise in early childhood education and development, GSRP program administration, or curriculum implementation.

To be appointed by the department to serve on the CRC, an individual must:

- Demonstrate they represent one or more of the perspectives above
- Demonstrate a strong background in early learning and development
- Review assigned curricula prior to the consensus meeting
- Participate in the team consensus meeting(s)
- Sign a conflict of interest form to ensure an impartial process

The [GSRP Preschool Curriculum Model Evaluation Rubric](#), which CRC members will use to assess a curriculum's alignment with state standards and best practices, has five major components, which are scored on a seven-point scale. Overviews of the [curriculum approval](#) and [scoring processes](#), as well as additional documents related to the curriculum review process, can be found on the [GSRP website](#).

If you are interested in being a reviewer or would like to nominate another individual, please complete the [GSRP Review Committee Member Application](#) before **October 31, 2018**.

MDE staff will contact those selected to the CRC. If the individual agrees to serve on the CRC, information and materials will be mailed to them. Teams of three reviewers will be assigned a curriculum and expected to bring individual scores to a consensus scoring meeting. CRC members who would be travelling a significant distance may be reimbursed for limited travel costs for the required meetings.

If you have any questions about the process or if you have issues completing the survey, please contact [Ben Fulton](#) at Public Sector Consultants at 517-331-9462 or [bfulton@publicsectorconsultants.com](mailto:bfulton@publicsectorconsultants.com).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance