JCISD GSRP / Early On Continuity of Learning Plan

The Governor’s Executive Order (EO 2020-65) addresses GSCs, GSPCs, Section 32p early childhood programming to begin providing learning opportunities for GSRP and Early On (GSRP and Part C & MMSE program children) no later than May 7, 2020. The Great Start Collaborative of Jackson County and Great Start Parent Coalition is a critical part of that service and will continue to build relationships and maintain connections with children and families. The focus of these continued relationships will be to assist children and families in being connected to resources, supports and building their Strengthening Families protective factors.

The Great Start Collaborative (GSC) will continue to host regular committee meetings (Executive, Family Support and School Readiness) on a virtual platform to ensure the work continues. The GSC and Great Start Parent Coalition continue to connect with families via social media, the GSC web-site, text, newsletter and phone. The GSC and GSPC will stay connected with our schools and community by serving on the Jackson Covid Action Network, the Jackson County Collective Impact Network, the Whole Child work, participation in school principal meetings and through the Trusted Advisor efforts. The GSC and GSPC will work with the School Readiness Committee, GSRP and Head Start programs to distribute learning kits to 4 year old preschool students.

The Jackson County Intermediate School District leadership including the Early Childhood Consultant and other ISD GSRP administrators have worked to coordinate and collaborate with all GSRP contracted and district-run subrecipients in LEAs and community-based organizations (CBOs) to support the basic needs and mental health needs of GSRP children and families while also providing learning-at-a-distance services to children and families that would otherwise be delivered in Section 32d funded GSRP classrooms, to the extent possible under the current circumstances. All three types of GSRP classrooms’ COL plans have been approved and/or are posted as addendums on the appropriate websites for communication with GSRP families. Additionally, students already identified and receiving special education services will continue to be provided service and support through the JCISD Special Education department to the best of their abilities. The JCISD GSRP Consultant and other administrators are coaching, monitoring and tracking GSRP subrecipients to meet all the expectations of the order.

In addition, the JCISD will also provide services to Early On eligible children (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C) for infants and toddlers (both for children eligible for Part C Only and for children eligible for Part C with Michigan Mandatory Special Education (MMSE) services). These services were initiated on April 13, 2020 and will continue for the remainder of the 2020 school year. The methodology for providing services will follow the
JCISD’s original CoL plan, and staff will be supporting students through multiple modalities, and multiple forms of resources (such as video conferencing, audio conferencing, sharing video recordings, telephone interactions, email, text messages and postal delivery services) will be utilized to ensure connections with families are maintained, and their needs are met.

The Jackson County ISD will strive in good faith, and to the extent practicable, to meet individual needs of all Early On students and all GSRP children. This plan will be fluid in order to meet the unique needs of students and families and may be redesigned as we continue to support student learning in these unprecedented times.