

REPORT NAME: Head Start Disability Waiver 2024-2025

REPORT OF: Connie Thompson, Early Head Start/Head Start Director

FOR: Information

APPLICABLE LAW AND/OR POLICY: Performance Standard 1302.60 A program must ensure enrolled children with disabilities, including but not limited to those who are eligible for services under IDEA, and their families receive all applicable program services delivered in the least restrictive possible environment and that they fully participate in all program activities.

STRATEGIC GOAL ALIGNMENT: Align resources (time, people, money, materials) to student need assuring the equitable, but not equal allocation and access of those resources to maximize student growth and achievement.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE ALIGNMENT: N/A

FISCAL FUND IMPACT: None

IMPACT AMOUNT: None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

The program did not meet the 10% requirement of enrolling children with an Individualized Education Program (IEP). While fourteen students enrolled in the Head Start program were referred for an evaluation, only three were evaluated and two were eligible to receive services. Program Standard 1302.14(b)(1) states that a program must ensure at least 10 percent of its total funded enrollment is filled by children eligible for services under IDEA, unless the responsible HHS official grants a waiver.

COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends that the Southfield Public Schools Board of Education approve the Disability Waiver for 2023-2024.

IMPACT IF NOT APPROVED:

The program could potentially receive a non-compliance if a waiver is not requested and approved.

NEXT STEPS IF APPROVED:

The waiver will be submitted to the Office of Head Start for final approval.