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May 15, 2016

Mr. Mark Dobias, Superintendent  
Allegan Area Educational Service Agency  
310 Thomas Street  
Allegan, MI 49010

Dear Mr. Dobias:

Allegan Area Educational Service Agency (ESA) has been selected to participate in an *Early On*<sup>®</sup> General Supervision Monitoring (GSM) on-site review related to the provision of early intervention services for children with an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). The purpose of the GSM is to assist the local *Early On* service area in ensuring compliance with Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) regulations and practices related to the provision of special education services compliant with the Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education (MARSE), and if necessary, plan improvements for the local system.

Monitoring and supervision of local *Early On* service areas are the responsibility of the Michigan Department of Education for the administration of Part C of IDEA referenced in Section 303.700 of the regulations.

Scheduling of the GSM visit will occur shortly after the May 15 CIMS *Workbook* release. The *Early On* Coordinator for Allegan Area ESA will be contacted to arrange dates for the visit. Please reserve time on your calendar at the conclusion of the visit to review the team's preliminary observations.

We are pleased to be working with Allegan Area ESA to ensure a high quality *Early On* system in your community. If you have any questions regarding the GSM visit, please contact me at [winbornev@michigan.gov](mailto:winbornev@michigan.gov) or (517) 335-4865.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vanessa Winborne".

Vanessa Winborne, Part C Coordinator  
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