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Anita Moeller
Deputy Commissioner for Program Administration
Department of Early Education and Care
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Dear Ms. Moeller:

On August 26, 2016 a team from the U.S. Department of Education (ED) the Department conducted a Part B Desk Monitoring of Massachusetts' implementation of its approved Preschool Development Grant (PDG)-Expansion Grant. This monitoring aims to continue the collaborative relationship that began at the grant award and development of the scope of work. It provides the Department with a deeper understanding of each State's overall performance; the successes, challenges, and strategies for the implementation of its Preschool State Plan; and the fiscal management of the grant funds. It also helps us tailor technical assistance to each State's specific needs.

The desk monitoring included discussions related to all projects in the approved scope of work, including grants management, high quality new and improvement program, early learning standards, comprehensive services, workforce development, and sustainability.

Enclosed is a summary report based upon this review. The report includes highlights of Massachusetts' implementation of PDG and a snapshot of Massachusetts' progress under each PDG key areas. This report will be posted on the PDG website. The report includes "next steps" to ensure that Massachusetts implements PDG consistent with its approved application, scope of work, and timelines identified in its project plans.

We want to thank you and your staff for your cooperation during the Part B Desk monitoring process, and for your tremendous efforts in providing high quality preschool opportunities through the Preschool Development Grant. It is not necessary to provide a written response to this report. We hope you will continue to communicate any needs or concerns to your ED project officers.

We look forward to continuing our work with you and supporting Massachusetts' technical assistance needs to ensure successful implementation of PDG. Thank you for your commitment to Massachusetts 'youngest children.

Sincerely,

/s/

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