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Dear School Administrators:

The Parents as Teachers (PAT) Program has a proven history in the state of Missouri, and our public schools are at the heart of that success. One of the pillars of the PAT program is providing parent education services. By assisting parents in their role as their child's first teachers, this program can influence a child's future success in school and later in life. As communicated in August 2012, the parent education services requirement has been reinstated for FY14.

Priorities for parent education services are personal visits for **high needs families (prenatal to kindergarten entry)** and then personal visits for **non-high needs families (prenatal to kindergarten entry)**. Personal visits for high needs families will be reimbursed at a rate of \$55.00 per completed visit. Non-high needs families will be reimbursed at a rate of \$50.00 per completed visit. These services are required to be provided by a certified parent educator.

There were only a small number of programs that opted out of parent education services in FY12 and FY 13. Some of those districts have made the decision to hire new parent educators this year and to begin the process of reconnecting with families. For those programs that were not able to provide parent education services this year, it will be important to refer to the Early Childhood Development Act Administrative Manual at <http://dese.mo.gov/schoollaw/rulesregs/pending/documents/ECDAdminManual2013.pdf>. The Administrative Manual provides information regarding qualifications for parent educators along with additional program requirements.

Thank you in advance for your careful consideration of the Parents as Teachers Program and for your continued support of Goal 2 of the Top 10 by 20 Plan, "Missouri will provide high quality early educational opportunities to all young children and their families."

If you should have questions regarding your district's PAT services please contact our office for assistance.

Sincerely,



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