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Subject: FY20 Missouri Preschool Program End of Year Information

This message is being sent on behalf of Lana Brooks, Early Learning Director.

We hope this email finds you and your families safe and healthy. It is always amazing to see and hear about all the positive things that happen in communities during difficult times. I hope you have found ways to continue to connect with your families and encourage them to support their children through normal routines as much as possible. Many early learning programs are connecting virtually with families by reading stories or sharing activities to do at home such as scavenger hunts, cooking activities, etc. Let us know if you need ideas for staying connected. We would love to help.

In an effort to keep funding for the Missouri Preschool Program moving forward, I want to take a minute to review the following information.

- **Budget revisions** should be made prior to April 15, 2020.

  - MPP awardees will need to submit the Final Report prior to creating the FER.
  - It is important to remember that the FER must contain all expenditures made to date as well as expenditures that will be made through June 30, 2020. The only projected expenditures should be the salaries and benefits to carry the program to the end of the program year.

- **Only FY17 MPP Awardees** who have successfully completed their 4th year of funding will have access to the **2020-2021 Renewal Application** and **Budget** along with the **Itemized Budget** upload. These reports will open in ePeGS on April 15, 2020 and will be due May 15, 2020. It is important to note the following:
  - Potential FY21 MPP awardees must have met all of the requirements outlined in the MPP Administrative Manual including licensure through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and accreditation from either Missouri Accreditation or the National Association for the Education of Young Children.
  - Public school districts who choose to access PreK funding through the foundation formula will not be eligible for MPP funding in FY21 and should not submit a Renewal Application. Contact your Early Learning Supervisor if additional clarification is needed.
  - It is important to note that MPP funding for FY21 is subject to appropriation.

We would encourage everyone to continue building on the quality programming established through our joint work with the MPP classroom(s). I would encourage public school districts to explore the benefits of implementing an early learning blended funding program.

Contact your early learning **supervisor** if you need assistance. We appreciate your efforts to provide quality early learning experiences for the families and children participating in your program.