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Dear Superintendent:

During the 2007 Legislative Session Congress reauthorized the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), in Section 642(e)(5) to require all Head Start to work collaboratively with the school districts or the appropriate local entities responsible for managing publicly funded preschool (pre-kindergarten) programs in their service delivery areas, to expand the scope of processes and agreements already in place and/or to develop new processes. Congress prefers Memorandums of Understanding (MOU).

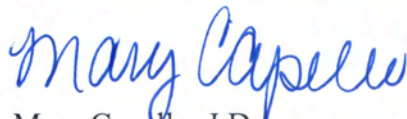
TMC formerly Texas Migrant Council is a private non-profit Corporation that serves children (0-5) of migrant and seasonal farm workers and other disadvantaged populations throughout Texas, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, New Mexico, Nevada, Iowa and Oklahoma. We serve close to 8,000 children through our Migrant and Seasonal Head Start (MSHS) program and 629 children in our Early Head Start and Head Start Program in Starr and Zapata Counties. Our MSHS program is one of the largest community based early childhood education providers in the nation, providing a wide range of services to children, ages four weeks to compulsory school age, and their families each year. The MSHS program provides education and support services to low-income children of migrant and seasonal farm workers and their families.

Presently, we are working closely with each community and have existing MOUs that include medical and health partnerships that benefit the children and families we serve. The HHS is requesting that these collaborations be described in a Memorandum of Understanding.

I have asked our Regional Administrator, Ms. Diane Miller, to visit with your office in order to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding request, amongst our organizations.

I look forward to a continued partnership with your school district and am pleased at the opportunity of working collaboratively in this initiative. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,



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