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## MEMORANDUM

TO: MHEC Segmental Advisory Council

FROM: Dr. James D. Fielder, Secretary

DATE: March 16, 2020

SUBJECT: Request from MSDE: Emergency Child Care Centers and Teacher Candidates

We have received the three following requests from Dr. Karen Salmon, State Superintendent of Schools, Maryland State Department of Education. Your immediate attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Questions can be directed to the designated individual provided below.

**1. Identify teacher interns, to provide instruction to the children placed in the emergency day care centers:** The MSDE is currently setting up emergency day care centers to provide services to the children of those individuals identified as essential/mission critical to assure continuity of services such as hospitals, healthcare, police, etc. Teacher candidates who are available to provide instruction will be able to earn clinical residency hours necessary for program completion. Please alert all teacher candidates to this opportunity and have them contact Sharon Brooks at 410-767-0335 or [sharon.brooks1@maryland.gov](mailto:sharon.brooks1@maryland.gov) as soon as possible (ideally before Wednesday, March 18) if they are interested.

**2. Identify teacher interns who would be able to develop online lessons in collaboration with the local school systems:** While local school systems are not currently offering online instruction, in the event that the State is required to move in this direction, we would like to have individuals identified to be a part of this initiative. This is another opportunity for student interns to earn clinical residency hours necessary for completion. Please alert all teacher candidates to this opportunity and have them contact Hsin-Yuan Chen at 410-767-0399 or [hsin-yuan.chen@maryland.gov](mailto:hsin-yuan.chen@maryland.gov) as soon as possible if they are interested.

**3. Identify creative initiatives:** Provide novel ideas of how student interns can assist with, and be part of, instructional services provided by local school systems while schools remain closed. Please alert all teacher candidates to this opportunity. Individuals with creative initiatives should contact Hsin-Yuan Chen at 410-767-0399 or [hsin-yuan.chen@maryland.gov](mailto:hsin-yuan.chen@maryland.gov) as soon as possible.