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## MADISON METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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~~Dear Community/Child Care Center,~~

You are receiving this letter because the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) is currently providing IEP (special education) services to a student(s) within your center.

The MMSD has made the decision to use the following guidelines in determining which Community Child Care Centers may be appropriate for IEP (special education) placements;

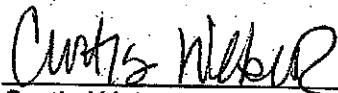
- The Community Child Care Center (Early Care and Education Center) must be accredited by the City of Madison or the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), and
- The Early Care and Education Center must be geographically located within the MMSD boundaries, and
- The Early Care and Education Center must be willing to enter into a MMSD Early Childhood Placement Agreement.

The rationale for this decision is based upon the wide variety of accredited Early Care and Educational Centers located within the MMSD's geographic boundaries, student, the enhanced standards due to accreditation as well as optimizing MMSD resources.

These guidelines will go into place for all new initial IEP placements as well as for all IEP placements beginning with the 2010-11 school year.

If your center does not meet all of these guidelines, the student's IEP team will need to reconvene to determine an alternative placement.

If you have future questions do not hesitate to contact me directly.



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