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MEMORANDUM

TO: District of Columbia Public School Early Childhood Leaders

FROM: Elizabeth Groginsky, Assistant Superintendent of Early Learning

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DATE: October 1, 2016

SUBJECT: Pre-Kindergarten Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) Evaluation

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Pursuant to the Pre-K Enhancement and Expansion Amendment Act of 2008 (D.C. Code 38-271.03; DC Law 17-202), the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) respectfully requests your cooperation in an evaluation of the District of Columbia's universal pre-K program. The purpose of the evaluation is to assess the quality of children's experience in all classrooms using the Classroom Assessment Scoring System for Pre-Kindergarten (CLASS Pre-K), a research-based observational tool. Our goal is to gather broad information about the quality of pre-K services across DC. For more information on CLASS, visit: www.teachstone.com.

OSSE is contracting with School Readiness Consulting (SRC) to conduct this evaluation. The program coordinator from SRC will contact you to arrange a visit to your site during **Jan. 1 – March 31, 2017**. Credentialed observers will conduct a classroom observation. The observation will not disrupt your daily routines and the records of this study will be kept confidential. Your site will receive written feedback on or before **May 8, 2017.**

In the event that you have questions for OSSE, please contact Mahlet Getachew, Education Research Analyst, at Mahlet.Getachew@dc.gov.