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To: Education providers and community stakeholders

From: Salam Noor, Deputy Superintendent

RE: House Bill 2016 (African American/Black Student Plan)

Summary: Provides information about the creation of the African American/Black Student Plan and possible grants.

House Bill 2016 directs the Department of Education to develop and implement a statewide education plan for African American/Black students who are in early childhood through post-secondary education programs. The Department is convening an advisory group comprised of members of the African American/Black community and other stakeholders from across the state of Oregon to provide advice to the department regarding the plan.

The plan will address:

• The disparities experienced by African American and Black students in every indicator of academic success.

• The historical practices leading to disproportionate outcomes for the students.

• The educational needs of the students from early childhood through post-secondary education by examining culturally appropriate best practices in this state and across the nation.

The Department will be awarding grants to early learning hubs, early learning service providers, school districts, post-secondary institutions, and community-based organizations to implement strategies developed in the plan.

The Department has developed the following implementation timeline for this legislation:

Fall, 2015 Convene Advisory Group

December, 2015 Proposed administrative rules presented to State Board of Education

January, 2016 Report to Legislature

March, 2016 Applications for grant funds are open

April, 2016 Grant recipients selected

May, 2016 Plan implementation begins

Currently, the Department is recruiting for a staff position who will provide support to the advisory group, implement the plan, and serve as a technical resource to school districts.