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TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Cynthia Isales, Chief Legal Counsel

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RE: **Early Childhood Professional Registry Information**

One of the mandates of the Office of Early Childhood (“OEC”) is to “develop and implement...a coordinated and comprehensive state-wide early childhood care and education system of professional development for providers and staff of early childhood care and education programs, including child day care centers, group day care homes and family day care homes that provide child day care services, that makes available to such providers and their staff, within available appropriations, scholarship assistance, career counseling and training and advancement in career ladders...” Conn. Gen. Stat. § 17b-733. Pursuant to that mandate, the OEC has created the Early Childhood Professional Registry (“Registry”). In order to determine whether a particular scholarship fund recipient qualifies for funds, staff members of the Registry may request information from the recipient’s institutions of higher education. Such requests are made pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) which allows schools to disclose records, without consent, to appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student. In return, in accordance with OEC’s scholarship use policy, the OEC may also share information regarding the scholarship fund recipient’s scholarship status with the institution of higher education.

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