



October 13, 2021

Honorable Aaron Michlewitz
Chairman, House Ways & Means Committee
State House Room 243
Boston, MA 02133

Honorable Michael Rodrigues
Chairman, Senate Ways & Means Committee
State House Room 212
Boston, MA 02133

Honorable Alice Peisch
Chairwomen, Joint Committee on Education
State House Room 473G
Boston, MA 02133

Honorable Jason Lewis
Chairmen, Joint Committee on Education
State House Room 511-B
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairman Rodrigues, Chairman Michlewitz, Chairman Lewis and Chairwoman Peisch:

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 2IHHI of Chapter 29 of the General Laws (as amended by Section 8 of Chapter 124 of the Acts of 2020) the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) submits the following report related to the Early Education and Care Public-Private Trust Fund.

Clause (e) of said Section 2IHHI states: “Annually, not later than October 1, the commissioner of early education and care shall report to the clerks of the house of representatives and senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education on the fund’s activity. The report shall include, but shall not be limited to: (i) the source and amount of funds received; (ii) the amounts distributed and the purpose of expenditures from the fund, including, but not limited to, funds expended to assist early education and care providers; (iii) any grants provided to early education and care programs, philanthropic organizations or other stakeholder organizations; and (iv) anticipated revenue and expenditure projections for the next year.”

As of October 1, 2021, the Department established the trust fund and has yet to receive funds beyond the \$500,000 appropriated by the Commonwealth through Chapter 124 of the Acts of 2020. EEC continues to engage with philanthropic funders to assess interest in contributing to the Early Education and Care Public-Private Trust Fund; the Department has not expended any funds while it continues that exploration and supports the distribution of the federal childcare funding that subsequently came to Massachusetts. As it is a recently enacted trust fund the Department does not have historical data to estimate collections in the upcoming year.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic families, children, and communities have struggled in the face of uncertainty. EEC has been consistently providing guidance and support to ensure that children continue to receive the care and nurturing they need. EEC has continued to provide PPE, COVID-19 testing, and funding to the field..

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Samantha.Aigner-Treworgy@mass.gov or (617) 988-6612.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samantha Aigner-Treworgy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Samantha" being more prominent and the last name "Aigner-Treworgy" following in a similar style.

Sincerely, Samantha L. Aigner-Treworgy Commissioner