



Michigan
Office of the Auditor General
REPORT SUMMARY

Performance Audit

Report Number:
 31-260-04

Michigan School Readiness Program

Michigan Department of Education

Released:
 March 2005

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has been given the responsibility to attain substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students/children with primary emphasis on high priority schools and students. The Michigan School Readiness Program (MSRP) funds programs that are intended to provide a high-quality preschool program for four-year-old children who may be at risk of becoming educationally disadvantaged and who may have extraordinary need of special assistance.

Audit Objective:

To determine if the children who have participated in MSRP exhibit academic success.

Conclusion:

We determined that the children who have participated in MSRP have exhibited academic success.

Reportable Condition:

MDE had not tracked MSRP children or performed analyses of data to measure the academic success of children in MSRP since an initial study conducted for school year 1995-96 (Finding 1).

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness of MDE's monitoring of MSRP to ensure that a quality preschool is provided to eligible children.

Conclusion:

We determined that MDE was somewhat effective in monitoring MSRP to ensure that a quality preschool was provided to eligible children.

Reportable Conditions:

MDE should enhance its efforts to monitor individual MSRP grantees (Finding 2).

MDE did not complete the MSRP final application process in a timely manner (Finding 3).

MDE did not document procedures and had trained only one employee to operate the MSRP database (Finding 4).

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Agency Response:

MDE's preliminary response indicated that it agrees with all 4 recommendations.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

A copy of the full report can be
obtained by calling 517.334.8050
or by visiting our Web site at:
<http://audgen.michigan.gov>



Michigan Office of the Auditor General
201 N. Washington Square
Lansing, Michigan 48913

Thomas H. McTavish, C.P.A.
Auditor General

Scott M. Strong, C.P.A., C.I.A.
Deputy Auditor General