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Dear Early Education and Care Community:

EEC has begun an assessment of the Massachusetts Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) to simplify procedures while maintaining our commitment to improve quality. In support of this assessment process, the Board of Early Education and Care voted on June 11, 2013 to rescind its prior vote and restore all of the original QRIS standards.

Be assured that Program Quality Specialists will apply the appropriate standards when reviewing individual QRIS applications. However, if you have any questions, below is the contact information for the Program Quality Specialist in your Region.¹

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A comprehensive assessment may result in the revision of the current QRIS standards. To ensure that we undertake an inclusive approach, EEC will engage the field, stakeholders, its staff and the Board in this process. We will develop a plan this summer that provides for thoughtful review of all aspects of the MA QRIS, including: QRIS standards, data and research, measurement tools, policy development, communication, and resources that support educators and providers to succeed.

We appreciate your efforts to improve quality, the time you have committed to QRIS, and your continued patience, as we develop a consistent, comprehensive and thoughtful policy. We value the input and feedback from the Early Education and Care community, and look forward to continuing this dialogue with you.

Sincerely,

Carol Nolan, Director of Policy
Gwen Alexander, Program Quality Specialist/QRIS Lead

¹ Please visit the QRIS Web Page for resources on the QRIS Standards:
<http://www.mass.gov/edu/birth-grade-12/early-education-and-care/qr/massachusetts-qr-standards.html>