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From: Catherine Templeton  
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Are you amenable to meeting with Lewis Smoak about First Steps? He is going to ask General Assembly for \$5? Million and is looking for guidance and support.

Catherine Templeton

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I have spent a fair amount of time Chairing First Steps to School Readiness for SC. We have a unique provision that requires us to go through reauthorization every 6 years. 2013 will be our second stop on this adventure.

Please look over the attached information re First Steps and offer your thoughts.

As I mentioned in our Reauthorization Panel meeting last week, we are the only state entity that: 1. Has to have an outside independent review every three years; 2. Must raise at least 15% in matching funds; and 3. Must operate with 8% or less administrative costs. So much for being an entity created for a Democratic Governor by a Republican legislature. It all works fine and the audits have been very helpful in refining our processes and getting at risk kids into quality programs.

We seem to be developing a pretty good consensus on Reauthorization and some good changes that mainly codify what we are already doing. The Institute for Child Success and the United Way folks are all at the table and we believe will be very helpful in the long run.

I will try to schedule a CC and pick your brain on how to get and keep this on track.  
Lewis

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