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TO: Local and Intermediate School Superintendents
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SUBJECT: Certification of Eighth Grade Technology Literacy

The primary goal of the United States Department of Education's Enhancing Education Through Technology program is:

To assist every student – regardless of race, ethnicity, income, geographical location, or disability – in becoming technologically literate by the end of eighth grade.

In order to measure the state's progress towards achieving this goal, Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) will report the percentage of eighth grade students meeting the **state's definition of technology literacy** at the end of the 2005-2006 school year.

LEAs will report the percentage of eighth grade students meeting the State Board of Education-approved Michigan Educational Technology Standards & Expectations for Grades 6-8. These technology standards are posted on the MDE website (see K-12 Curriculum, Technology Standards). A student's technology literacy may be evidenced in a number of ways:

- Teacher Observation
- Portfolio (hard copy or electronic)
- Formal Assessment
- Completion of Coursework

A sample checklist that districts may elect to use is available for download at <http://techplan.org>.

Authorized officials will certify their district's progress toward meeting this No Child Left Behind (NCLB) goal using the Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS) certification function to report the percentage of technologically literate eighth graders. It will be the responsibility of each district to retain supporting documentation for five years that validates its report. **Certifications must be made prior to June 30, 2006.**

Questions concerning the eighth grade Technology Literacy requirement should be referred to Ron Faulds or Wanda Shunk at (517) 373-0620.

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