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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** State Board of Education  
**FROM:** Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman  
**SUBJECT:** Update on Public School Academies

Several Board members have requested an update on public school academies, and as a result, the Executive Committee of the State Board of Education (Kathleen Straus, Sharon Gire, and Carolyn Curtin) suggested that an update be provided to the Board on a quarterly basis as part of the Report of the Superintendent.

The following documents are attached for your information.

- Exhibit A Listing of Michigan Public School Academies (alphabetical by city)
- Exhibit B Listing of Closed Public School Academies
- Exhibit C Listing of Strict Discipline Academies
- Exhibit D Michigan Public School Academies - Counts

All of these documents are updated regularly and are available on the Department's web site ([www.michigan.gov/mde](http://www.michigan.gov/mde)).

Currently there are 199 public school academies authorized to operate in Michigan. Of those, 148 are authorized by public universities, 11 by community colleges, 28 by intermediate school districts, and 12 by public school districts. Since 1996, 21 public school academies have closed.

Also attached for your information is a copy of a study titled "The Public School Academy Funding Gap" which was prepared by the Michigan Chamber Foundation by the Anderson Economic Group (Exhibit E).

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Exhibit "A"