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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D.
Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer

SUBJECT: Waivers of Minimum Number of Hours and Days of Pupil Instruction for
Alternative Education Programs or other Innovative Programs Approved by the
Michigan Department of Education (MDE) for fiscal Year 2011-2012

The State Aid Act, Section 101 (9), permits the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to waive the minimum number of hours and days of pupil instruction for Alternative Education programs or other innovative programs approved by MDE. This waiver can only be granted for Alternative Education or innovative programs and not for individual students.

The State Superintendent will consider applications for waivers of hours for programs that will operate for less than the required 1,098 hours and/or less than the required 165 days during the school year. Before submitting the waiver to operate less than the required 1,098 hours of instruction or less than the required 165 days of instruction, consider very carefully the amount of instruction time needed to deliver the Michigan Merit Curriculum.

To apply for a waiver under Section 101 (9), please complete the Waiver Application Review form and the Program Assurances form, available on the Department's web page at http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530_30334_40027---,00.html. Waiver applications should be submitted to the Michigan Department of Education **no later than October 1, 2011**. Please be advised that by completing this application and participating in the Waiver of Minimum Number of Hours and Days of Pupil Instruction for Alternative Education or other innovative programs, you agree to participate in a follow-up survey disseminated by the MDE. Please mail the completed packet to:

Office of Education Improvement & Innovation /Michigan Department of Education
Attention: Request for Alternative Education or Innovative Program Hours Waiver
P.O. Box 30008
Lansing, Michigan 48909

If you have any questions regarding the information being requested, please contact Gregg Dionne at (517) 241-6895, or email him at dionneg@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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