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Memorandum

TO: Directors of Migrant Education Programs, MEDS Data Entry Specialists, MSDS Authorized Users

FROM: Linda Forward
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RE: MEDS/MSIX/MSDS Migrant Curriculum Component

As the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) moves toward the full implementation of the federal Migrant Student Information Exchange (MSIX) program for migrant students, one of the key initiatives is to add the course history for all migrant students grades K-12. This component is being built into the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) and will be available on a daily basis for eventual transmittal to the MSIX system.

Because this collection requires tight integration with the Migrant Education Data System (MEDS) and the MSIX system, certain elements in these systems must be in place before we can open the collection in the MSDS for data entry. Unfortunately, contracting issues at both the federal and state level have delayed the completion of the work required, which in turn have necessitated a change in the deployment timeline for the collection of curriculum data.

To ensure sufficient time for testing and integration work, we are proceeding with the following schedule:

April/May 2009: Release of curriculum schema and collection manual
Oct / Nov: Facilitated testing and pilot testing
Winter/Spring 2010: Migrant Curriculum Collection open in MSDS for 2009-2010 school year

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Evelyn Sitterson via e-mail at SittersonE@michigan.gov or at 517-373-6066.

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