

State of Michigan
State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

STATE ASSESSMENT FLEXIBILITY FOR HURRICANE KATRINA STUDENTS

WHEREAS, many Michigan schools have responded to the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina by opening their arms to and enrolling evacuee children; and

WHEREAS, some of these schools have reported that some evacuee children are severely emotionally traumatized by being uprooted from their homes, their schools, and in some cases being separated from their families; and

WHEREAS, the federal No Child Left Behind Act requires the assessment of all students, wherever enrolled, in English Language Arts and Mathematics; and

WHEREAS, Education YES! Requires the assessment of all middle and high school students in Social Studies and Science, in addition to English Language Arts and Mathematics; and

WHEREAS, the elementary and middle school Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) and MI-Access tests are scheduled to be administered during the first three weeks of October; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that all elementary and middle school students evacuated from Hurricane Katrina and currently enrolled in Michigan public schools should participate to the maximum extent possible in the MEAP and MI-Access testing, but that the schools enrolling such students may, on a case by case basis, for reasons of severe emotional trauma, exclude such students from the Fall 2005 MEAP or MI-Access testing in Social Studies and Science.



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