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MEMORANDUM

To: All Local Public School Superintendents, Building Principals, Non-Public Schools, and Public School Academies

From: Jeremy M. Hughes, Ph.D.

Subject: *Physical Education Survey for 2005*

The Michigan Department of Education is conducting an online *Physical Education Survey* to gather important information concerning physical education across the state and would appreciate your district's cooperation. Physical education and physical activity are under intense scrutiny because of the national obesity epidemic.

The *Physical Education Survey* provides information on physical education practices in Michigan's public schools, non-public schools, and public school academies in areas such as requirements, days and minutes of class time offered per week, who teaches physical education, and curriculum and professional development. This year's survey also includes information about automated external defibrillators and recess.

The last *Physical Education Survey* was completed in 2000, but proposed legislation includes a requirement that a survey be taken every two years to track current trends. The 2000 data is therefore considered to be out-of-date for the status of Michigan's physical education programs.

We would like one survey completed by a physical education teacher for each school building in your district. The survey can be accessed at **zoomerang.com** and should take only 10-15 minutes to complete. We are requesting that surveys be completed by June 10, 2005.

Questions may be directed to Trina Boyle-Holmes, Physical Education Consultant at [boyle-holmest@michigan.gov](mailto:boyle-holmest@michigan.gov). Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

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