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MEMORANDUM

**TO:** ISD Special Education Directors, LEA Special Education Directors, Interpreter Agencies, MSPSPHI membership, Special Education Interpreters List Serve

**FROM:** Jacquelyn J. Thompson, Ph.D., Director  
Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services

**SUBJECT:** Survey for Educational Interpreters for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

**DISSEMINATE TO LEAs & PSAs**

In an effort to determine the impact of the revised PA 204-2007 Deaf Persons' Interpreter Act and its rules on educational interpreters, the Michigan Department of Education, Low Incidence Outreach Program is requesting your assistance in distributing the link below to the Zoomerang survey to **each educational interpreter** working in Michigan K-12 schools. Data will be compiled by Intermediate School Districts (ISD) and state regions **only. Individual data will not be able to be tracked.** Obtaining information from **each interpreter** will help us ultimately build capacity to ensure quality interpreters for all of our Michigan students who are deaf or hard of hearing. The goals of the survey are to obtain data on the number of interpreters who will need to be tested or retested and to determine what resources are needed to assist Intermediate School Districts and regions with professional development for educational interpreters. Thank you for forwarding this link to the survey to your interpreters.

MDE-LIO thanks each educational interpreter who works for an Intermediate School District, Local Education Agency or Contracted Agency for completing this ten (10) questions survey. If you receive this survey from more than one source, please only complete it once. Surveys should be completed before October 30, 2009.

**Link to Zoomerang Survey:** <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB229R8S3NVNE>

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