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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
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SUBJECT: 2009-10 Annual Education Report (AER) Release

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) will provide the 2009-10 data in the Annual Education Report (AER) to all districts and schools on August 1, 2010 for review before the public release. As a reminder, AER is to be used by local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools to meet federal and state reporting requirements.

The Annual Education Report (AER) is a report designed to meet the federal requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act also known as No Child Left Behind for an annual report. The report provides detailed data on state administered student assessment results, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results, teacher qualification information, and the state results for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). There is an AER for the state, each district and each school populated with the appropriate information. Also, a cover letter has been designed for your use.

The AER and cover letters also meet the state requirement (PA 25) for reporting to parents and communities in an annual education report. LEAs and schools must post and make copies available of their AER and a cover letter with required elements 15 days before school starts in the fall of 2010. This is a new federal guideline established in 2009. Providing this information 15 days before school starts allows parents to make a better choice about which school to select for their child. This information should remain available on the website(s) for a year, until the next year's report is prepared.

To access the AER and cover letter templates, go to www.data4ss.org. Log in to the dynamic inquiry (DI) tool and click on the Annual Education Report tab on the left. Please review the frequently asked questions found at www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/OFS_AER_FAQ_memo_with_attachment_07-01-10_326794_7.pdf for details and information.

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The 2009-10 AYP release of elementary/middle school and high school results are currently scheduled to be publically released on August 3, 2010. The AER tool, with 2009-10 data, will be made publically available at the same time at www.michigan.gov/aer. The AER tool, with 2009-10 data, will be available via the D4SS tool ONLY to schools and districts on August 1, 2010. The 2009-10 AYP results available via the AER, are embargoed by MDE until the August 3rd public AYP release.

RELEASE OF SCHOOL AND DISTRICT AYP DATA FROM THE ANNUAL EDUCATION REPORT IN ADVANCE OF THE PUBLIC RELEASE DATE ON AUGUST 3rd BY THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MAY JEOPARDIZE THIS ADVANCE AER POSTING IN THE FUTURE.

If you have questions, please call 517-373-3921.

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