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MEMORANDUM

TO: ISD Superintendents, LEA Superintendents, and Public School Academy Administrators
FROM: Michael P. Flanagan
SUBJECT: 24/7 Tobacco-Free Schools

In June 2005 the Michigan State Board of Education approved a policy on 24/7 Tobacco-Free Schools in which recommendations are made to help schools stay free of tobacco use 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and 365 days per year.

Michigan's 2006 School Health Profiles data indicate that 42% of Michigan secondary schools have a 24/7 tobacco-free policy already in place. The enclosed tools will help districts encourage compliance with these policies. The tools were developed by staff from the Michigan Department of Education, Michigan Department of Community Health, and Prevention Network, with assistance from Eaton Intermediate School District and the Michigan chapters of the American Lung Association, American Cancer Society, and American Heart Association.

For your convenience, many of the tools may be personalized for use in your school district, and are available electronically on the enclosed CD. All of the tools are also available online at the site of the Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs Unit: www.michigan.gov/cshsp.

It's clear that when we create healthy learning environments, we support our students' success in learning and in life. Please explore this kit and make use of these valuable resources.

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