

March 9, 2012

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents and  
Public School Academy Directors.

FROM: Dr. Roe, Wayne State University (WSU) School of Medicine,  
Dr. Benkert, WSU College of Nursing, and Area Health Education  
Center Pipeline Outreach and Enrichment Committee

SUBJECT: Michigan Health Care Career School Assessment

The Michigan Area Health Education Center (MI-AHEC), in partnership WSU, Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), Michigan Department of Education (MDE), and many other state and local organizations, have created a survey to give you a chance to share with us what career opportunities you have for youth within your school system. The purpose of the survey is to identify current programs, best practice models, and program gaps throughout the state. This survey is open and will continue through April 6, 2012.

**The mission of MI-AHEC is to connect students to careers, professionals to communities, and communities to better health.** The MI-AHEC Pipeline Outreach and Enrichment Committee are looking to identify schools that can provide programs to expose and encourage youth to pursue health care careers. This online school survey is available to all Michigan schools with grades K-12. The benefit to your school is MI-AHEC will develop programs that will provide students an opportunity to think about health care careers and a program to strengthen their academic skills so they can prepare for a health care career at a school of their choice. **All survey participants will be entered into a drawing to win a Notebook!**

Schools can register on the system at any time during the open cycle at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YMM6M3>. The survey system and reports, developed by MI-AHEC, can be provided to you at no cost to schools or districts. Online report results will give MI-AHEC the opportunity to develop programs in your district to encourage youth to explore health care careers as well as develop additional programs to support students prepare for a career as a health care professional.

The MI-AHEC:

- reduces the burden of conducting multiple school surveys. The MI-AHEC measures all districts' current career programs and best practices and will identify gaps.
- is free of charge to districts. The no-cost survey systems and reports allow MI-AHEC to develop plans on how to provide health care career programs to those students who are not currently receiving one.
- is private. School privacy is maintained through confidential and voluntary participation.
- is designed for local use and local-level decision making. Reports are intended for use by regional centers and their community partners.

- generates reports quickly. School districts can request copies of results 90 business days after closing of the survey, allowing time for Regional Centers to identify needs and plan for adjustments in programs.

For more information about the MI-AHEC program, please visit [www.miahec.wayne.edu](http://www.miahec.wayne.edu). For questions or a copy of the survey call Linda Tarjeft at 313-577-5161 or email [miahec@wayne.edu](mailto:miahec@wayne.edu).