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**TO:** Local and Intermediate School Superintendents and Public School Academy Directors

**FROM:** Mike Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction 

**SUBJECT:** Educational Development Plans

P.A. 141 of 2007 requires districts to provide students an opportunity to develop an Educational Development Plan (EDP). Specifically, the law states:

*"The board of a school district or board of directors of a public school academy shall ensure that each pupil in Grade 7 is provided with the opportunity to develop an educational development plan, and that each pupil has developed an educational development plan before he or she begins high school. An educational development plan shall be developed by the pupil under the supervision of the pupil's school counselor or designee qualified and selected by the high school principal and shall be based on a career pathways program or similar career exploration program."*

In response to district requests for assistance with the Educational Development Plan, the Michigan Department of education has developed a set of guidelines, which recommends all EDPs include the following:

- Personal information
- Career goals
- Student's grade level
- Student identified career goals
- Assessment results (academic and career)
- Educational/training goals
- A plan of action that identifies a broad career pathway
- Course selections for high school that support student's goals/interests
- Information on options to meet the state graduation requirements including postsecondary enrollment options
- Long-term goals and planning to support postsecondary/post-school options
- Information on resources and other learning experiences that support the achievement of student goals

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- Utilization of the principles approved by the Michigan State Board of Education for Universal Design for Learning
- Review and endorsement by a parent

The Educational Development Plan supports the Michigan Merit requirements for all students and the document, *EDP Fundamentals*, is available on the MDE website ([www.michigan.gov/mde](http://www.michigan.gov/mde)). A sample EDP is available at: [http://media.mivu.org/mvu/example\\_edp.pdf](http://media.mivu.org/mvu/example_edp.pdf).

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