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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Mike Flanagan   
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**SUBJECT:** Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth Survey

The Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth (MiPHY) 2010 survey cycle opens on September 1, 2009, and continues through May 31, 2010. The Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth is an online student survey available every other year to all Michigan schools with grades 7, 9, and 11. The MiPHY provides student health behavior and risk and protective factor data for school-based, data-driven decision making.

Districts can register on the system at anytime during the open cycle at [www.michigan.gov/miphyadmin](http://www.michigan.gov/miphyadmin). The survey system and reports, developed by the Michigan Departments of Education and Community Health, are provided at no cost to schools. Online reports accessed through the MiPHY administration website inform local efforts to reduce drug use, violence, and related problem behaviors, and to promote healthy youth development.

The MiPHY:

- is endorsed by MDE and MDCH as the recommended survey for local assessment of student risk behaviors.
- reduces the burden of conducting multiple student surveys. The MiPHY measures all key student health behaviors, beliefs, and attitudes.
- is free of charge to districts. The no-cost survey system and reports allow more Title IV, Part A, Safe and Drug-Free Schools' funds for direct services.
- is private. Student privacy is maintained through confidential, anonymous, and voluntary participation.
- is designed for local use and local-level decision making. Reports are intended for use by districts and their community partners, with electronic access limited to personnel approved by the district superintendent or public school academy director.

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- generates reports quickly. Buildings and districts can access results 2-4 business days after closing the survey, allowing time to identify needs and plan for adjustments in services.
- will provide trend reports from year-to-year and comparisons to the Michigan Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS).

For more information about the MiPHY, please visit [www.michigan.gov/miphy](http://www.michigan.gov/miphy) or contact:

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