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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Report on the Branch Intermediate School District Plan
for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

Pursuant to Section 380.1711 of the School Code of 1976, each Intermediate School District (ISD) must develop, establish, continually evaluate, and modify its Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services (Plan). Approval indicates that the ISD's and local constituent districts' special education programs and services described in the Plan meet standards which are consistent with federal and state requirements. Approval also allows ISDs to receive reimbursement pursuant to the State School Aid Act.

Staff has reviewed, and I have approved, the Branch Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services. Attachment A is a summary of the changes from the previously approved Branch Intermediate School District Plan.

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Summary of Changes to Branch Intermediate School District Plan

- Used the MDE document "Intermediate School District Plan Criteria for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services" to make sure each required element is included.
- 1) Reduced the number of signature lines to reflect **four** local districts.
- 2) Updated BISD Special Education Office address under Special Education Contacts.
- 3) Change language of "Consultant" to "Specialist" in Criteria for Autism Programs.
- 4) Omitted language related to State Assessment Scores.
- 5) Added statement related to Incarcerated Youth.
- 6) Using new format, added additional information to 340.1832(e) modifications. (Title, Type of Instruction, Maximum Caseload, # of students in classroom at one time, departmentalized average per period, Student-Para ratio and other descriptors.)
- 7) SCI and SXI - Added rule language "A minimum of 200 days and 1,150 clock hours of instruction."
- 8) Added "Age Span for Elementary building" language to allow for districts to go beyond 1 year of the rule for a 6 year age span for elementary building.
- 9) Added "Age Span Secondary" language exceeding 2 year age span for secondary building.
- 10) Added "Specialized Resource Room" language to describe new classroom that focuses on fundamental pre-academic, communication, social, and daily living skills.
- 11) Added "Confidentiality of Information" statement based on the current MDE rule requiring an assurance statement on confidentiality of student information.
- 12) Added the following statement under Special Education Administrators section, "These individuals are responsible for the implementation of special education programs and services."

- 13) Parent Advisory Committee Section - only provided language that is required according to Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education. Made major changes in language based on PAC suggestions in 08-09.
- 14) Appendix A - "Diagnostic and Ancillary Services" - revised the chart based on model used in MDE document "ISD Plan Criteria for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services."
- 15) Appendix D - "Special Education Programs" - revised the chart based on model used in MDE document "ISD Plan Criteria for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services."