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**MEMORANDUM**

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

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *Carol*

SUBJECT: Submission of Bullying Policies

On December 6, 2011, Matt's Safe School Law (MCL 380.1310b) was signed into law by Governor Snyder. The law requires that not later than six months after the effective date of the legislation, the board of a local education agency (LEA) or intermediate school district (ISD) or board of directors of a public school academy (PSA) shall adopt and implement a policy prohibiting bullying. This act further requires that not later than 30 days after adopting the policy, the board or board of directors shall submit a copy of its policy to the Michigan Department of Education.

An application in the Michigan Electronic Grant System Plus (MEGS+) is currently being developed that will allow LEAs, ISDs, and PSAs to upload their board-approved policy and provide assurances that each of the required components of the policy has been addressed. The application is expected to be available as of February 1, 2012. More detailed information will be provided as the February date approaches.

Questions regarding the content of this memo may be directed to Jill Byelich in the Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs Unit at (517) 373-3623.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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