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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents,
Public School Academy Administrators, Selected Nonpublic School
Administrators, and Residential Child Care Institutions

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *CW*

SUBJECT: Extending Categorical Eligibility to Additional Children in a Household

As a result of a recent United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) memorandum that modified the policy for categorical eligibility in the Child Nutrition Programs, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has approved a new administrative policy memorandum on extending categorical eligibility to all children in a household.

Food Service Administrative Policy Number 3 discusses extending categorical eligibility to all students in a household if one student is directly certified or if an application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals is submitted with a Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation (FDPIR) case number. A copy of the policy is available at:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/3_Ext_Categorical_Eligibility_292306_7.doc

Questions regarding this memo may be directed to the Grants Coordination and School Support, School Nutrition Training and Programs unit at MDE-SchoolNutrition@michigan.gov.

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