



STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
LANSING

RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN
STATE SUPERINTENDENT

January 30, 2014

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *Carol*

SUBJECT: Michigan's Sports Concussion Awareness Laws

Michigan's updated sports concussion law, effective June 30, 2013, requires that all organizing entities that sponsor an athletic activity (including any game, competition, or practice) ensure that all involved adults participate in a concussion awareness training program and that the organization provides educational resources on the signs, symptoms, and consequences of sports concussions to parents, athletes, and volunteers. Michigan's sports concussion law includes guidelines for athletes' return to play following a concussion.

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) has developed a website with information and resources to help those involved in youth sports, along with parents and young athletes, to comply with the law, and learn more about sports concussions. This web site offers links to the laws, as well as tools, information, and trainings, including online training courses from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) "Head's Up" Program, that are essential for compliance. Visit www.michigan.gov/sportsconcussion.

In an effort to help inform communities on the roles and responsibilities that manifest with this new law, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and MDCH are encouraging you to share this information with other partners as you deem appropriate.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

JOHN C. AUSTIN – PRESIDENT • CASANDRA E. ULBRICH – VICE PRESIDENT
DANIEL VARNER – SECRETARY • RICHARD ZEILE – TREASURER
MICHELLE FECTEAU – NASBE DELEGATE • LUPE RAMOS-MONTIGNY
KATHLEEN N. STRAUS • EILEEN LAPPIN WEISER

608 WEST ALLEGAN STREET • P.O. BOX 30008 • LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909
www.michigan.gov/mde • (517) 373-3324