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**MEMORANDUM**

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

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D.   
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SUBJECT: Educational Development Plans

Public Act 141 of 2007, as amended by Public Act 209 of 2014, requires districts to provide students an opportunity to develop an Educational Development Plan (EDP). Specifically, the law states:

*"(11) The board of a school district or board of directors of a public school academy shall provide the opportunity for each pupil to develop an educational development plan during grade 7, and shall ensure that each pupil reviews his or her educational development plan during grade 8 and revises it as appropriate before he or she begins high school. An educational development plan shall be developed, reviewed, and revised by the pupil under the supervision of the pupil's school counselor or another designee qualified to act in a counseling role under section 1233 or 1233a selected by the school principal and shall be based on high school readiness scores and a career pathways program or similar career exploration program. An educational development plan shall be designed to assist pupils to identify career development goals as they relate to academic requirements. During the process of developing and reviewing a pupil's educational development plan, the pupil shall be advised that many of the curricular requirements of this section and section 1278a may be fulfilled through career and technical education."*

The Michigan Department of Education has a set of guidelines which recommend all EDPs include the following:

- Personal information
- Career goals
- Student's grade level
- Student identified career goals
- Assessment results (academic and career)

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- Educational/training goals
- A plan of action that identifies a broad career pathway
- Course selections for high school that support student's goals/interests
- Information on options to meet the state graduation requirements, including postsecondary enrollment options
- Long-term goals and planning to support postsecondary/post-school options
- Information on resources and other learning experiences that support the achievement of student goals
- Utilization of the principles approved by the Michigan State Board of Education for Universal Design for Learning
- Review and endorsement by a parent

The Educational Development Plan supports the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) requirements for all students and the document, *EDP Fundamentals* is available on the MDE website at

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/EDP\\_Fundamentals\\_468194\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/EDP_Fundamentals_468194_7.pdf).

The MMC Frequently Asked Questions document has been updated to reflect the latest changes in legislation. This document and other updated MMC guidance documents can be found at [www.michigan.gov/highschool](http://www.michigan.gov/highschool).

Please contact Patty Cantú, Director, Office of Career and Technical Education, at (517) 335-5224 or [cantup@michigan.gov](mailto:cantup@michigan.gov), if you have any questions.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance