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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors
Non-Public School Administrators

FROM: Mike Flanagan, State Superintendent 

SUBJECT: National Flood Safety Awareness Week: March 16-22, 2014

The National Weather Service has designated this week as National Flood Safety Awareness Week. This is especially timely for us as the winter weather has created the possibility for increased spring flooding throughout the state. The extended extreme cold has resulted in ice buildup on both lakes and rivers. The large amounts of ice and the saturation of ground water will make flooding a greater possibility as we move to warmer temperatures. The Michigan State Police will provide regular updates to local emergency management coordinators until the threat of spring flooding abates.

I encourage all school districts to review their emergency plans and coordinate with their local emergency management officials for any potential flooding that could affect daily school operations, especially pupil transportation routes. View a recent presentation that highlights some of the issues facing the state regarding potential flooding at:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/NWS_Flood_Briefing_450930_7.pdf.

Questions regarding this communication can be directed to Louis Burgess, Michigan Department of Education's Emergency Coordinator, at 517-373-4337 or burgessl@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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