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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *Carol*

SUBJECT: Michigan Head Lice Manual

The purpose of this manual is to provide schools, local health departments, healthcare facilities, and other group settings a comprehensive guide to identify, treat, manage, and prevent head lice infestations. The manual was designed to serve as a universal guide providing information about head lice in a technical sense as well as a quick reference. This manual represents an update to the previous "Michigan Head Lice Manual" published in 2004, and was compiled by members of a workgroup consisting of school nurses, local public health officials, entomologists, and epidemiologists. Recognizing that head lice can be a sensitive topic, the group strived to examine the current body of research and make recommendations in the best interest of children and others impacted by head lice.

The Head Lice Manual and parent resources can be found on the Michigan Department of Education Health Services website under Nuisance Conditions at www.michigan.gov/schoolhealthservices.

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cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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