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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 29, 2016  
**TO:** State Board of Education  
**FROM:** Brian Whiston, Chairman   
**SUBJECT:** Presentation on the Assessment Literacy Standards for Michigan

The Office of Standards and Assessment is seeking endorsement of the Assessment Literacy Standards for Michigan produced by the Michigan Assessment Consortium (MAC). As career and college readiness assessments are administered in Michigan, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) strives to improve educators' capability to understand why to assess, as well as what to do with assessment data and results. The MDE has spent time in the past few months in discussions about moving towards a common set of Assessment Literacy Standards that can be used in Michigan to support administrators, teachers, parents, and students in understanding the importance of assessment and the power of the data they produce.

The Assessment Literacy Standards for Michigan are a great starting place to begin this work across the MDE. The desire is that the State Board of Education supports the use of these standards as we continue to work to improve the assessment landscape in Michigan. These standards can be found at: [Assessment Literacy Standards of Michigan](#).

The Assessment Literacy Standards will be returned to the State Board of Education for endorsement on May 10, 2016.

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