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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Report on Options for Assessments Aligned with the Common Core State Standards Presentation

The final resolution from the Legislature permitting the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to proceed with implementing the Common Core State Standards required the development of a report on all assessment options aligned with these career and college ready standards. This report was due on December 1, 2013. The report provides a high-level overview of different assessment options that are currently under development, or have been recently brought into operational status. Since MDE believes strongly that Michigan's next-generation system must be rich and balanced, the report will examine summative assessments (e.g., tests like MEAP), interim assessments that can be used multiple times per year to examine student growth, and formative assessment resources.

This presentation will consist of an overview of the report structure and development process, key findings and recommendations, and implications for MDE and Michigan's system of statewide assessments. Examples of the survey questions will be shared in order to give a sense of what the assessment vendor community was asked to work with. Finally, MDE staff will discuss poignant caveats about the information obtained from the survey, challenges with developing the report content in light of the timeline, and guidelines for appropriate use.

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