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DATE: October 27, 2015
TO: State Board of Education
FROM: Brian J. Whiston, Chairman 
SUBJECT: Presentation on the 2015 Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP) Assessment Results

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has released the statewide results of the Spring 2015 Michigan Student Test of Education Progress (M-STEP) assessment. This was the first year the MDE was able to administer a new test that truly measures the more rigorous standards Michigan adopted in 2010. The MDE was able to test 82% of schools online for the first time.

The M-STEP assessment measures the deeper understanding, problem solving, and critical thinking skills that the current standards expect. This new assessment moves beyond traditional multiple-choice based testing to assessment that includes a variety of item types that online assessment allows.

The combination of the new standards in English language arts and mathematics and a new assessment built to these standards allows for a new baseline of where students are at on the career and college readiness path. Because of the changes to the assessment system, scores should not be compared to past results.

Given the transitional nature of this past year's assessment and the new nature of this year's data and reports, information will be released in a staggered sequence. Data and reports will be rolled out in the following sequence as soon as items are available.

- Statewide aggregates and student data file
- Individual Student Reports
- Parent Reports
- School and district aggregates, embargoed
- School and district aggregates publically released on www.mischooldata.org
- Student Growth Percentiles (SGPs)

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Spring 2015 State Assessment Results

Grade	Percent Proficient			
	English Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies
Grade 3	50	49		
Grade 4	47	41	12	
Grade 5	49	33		22
Grade 6	45	33		
Grade 7	49	33	23	
Grade 8	48	32		30
Grade 11	49	28	29	44