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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Presentation on Technology Readiness for the 21st Century

The invention of the personal computer has opened the educational options for students and teachers. New technology allows students to work in the classroom, at home, and from a variety of locations in between. Learning can be done virtually as well as in blended and more traditional settings. The learning can be personalized to meet student needs in ways that could only be imagined twenty years ago. Both instruction and assessments will be enhanced by the new technology opportunities.

For the potential of this new instructional technology to be realized, Michigan classrooms, teachers, and students must be ready – from the infrastructure, to the devices, to training for teachers in ways to utilize these new tools, and the development of online lessons and assessments – the Department of Education is working to maximize the opportunities. This presentation will provide an overview of the work that is taking place across the state to assure that Michigan schools are ready to take advantage of a new way to educate and assess our students. The presentation will also identify the levels of readiness for instruction and assessment that currently exist and plans to increase readiness for 21st century learning.

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