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DATE: October 27, 2015
TO: State Board of Education
FROM: Brian J. Whiston, Chairman 
SUBJECT: Presentation on Safe and Supportive Schools Grant Outcomes

In 2010, the United States Department of Education authorized \$155 million in grants to states to measure school safety and implement programmatic interventions to improve conditions for learning. The goal of the Safe and Supportive Schools (S3) Grant was to eliminate health and safety barriers in high schools and increase the opportunity of academic success for all students.

After a competitive grant application process, Michigan was selected as a grant recipient. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) received the largest grant award out of the 11 states awarded. MDE was funded to provide programming over a five-year period for high schools with predominantly underserved adolescent populations below the requirements for "Adequate Yearly Progress" (AYP). This grant allowed MDE to work with 22 high schools and their stakeholders (staff, students, and families) to address the conditions for learning and improve the culture and climate in their buildings. Staff will share the results from MDE's work with those 22 high schools.

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