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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

DATE: November 22, 2010

SUBJECT: Presentation on the New MEAP Writing Assessment

The purpose of this item is to introduce the new Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) writing assessment and to provide an overview of standard-setting methods to be used in developing recommended performance standards (or cut scores) for the new writing assessment. The new MEAP writing assessment improves on past practices in regard to content, stability, and results for educators and parents. Detailed information regarding the new writing assessment and the standard-setting methods to be used will be shared, along with a timeline for bringing them to the SBE for approval and producing final results and reports for schools.

A second memo, providing a summary of the standard-setting activities, the results of the standard-setting process, and a formal recommendation for cut scores will be provided for your consideration prior to the February 8, 2011 board meeting.

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