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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Mike Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Approval of Resetting Cut Scores on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) and Michigan Merit Examination (MME) to be Consistent with College and Career Readiness

This item is a follow up to the item from the January 2011 Board meeting in which the Board discussed raising cut scores on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) and Michigan Merit Examination (MME) to reflect college readiness (on MME) and being on track to college readiness (on MEAP).

Pending approval from the Michigan State Board of Education, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) Office of Educational Assessment & Accountability (OEAA) will move forward with resetting cut scores on the MEAP and MME to be consistent with College and Career Readiness. The methods to be used to reset the cut scores will be designed and carried out in collaboration by the following three groups:

- MDE/OEAA Measurement Research & Psychometrics Staff
- ACT Measurement & Research Staff
- National Center for Educational Achievement (NCEA) Staff
- Other experts as appropriate

Data allowing for the linking of MME cut scores to college readiness will be available in March. The analyses necessary to create new cut scores will be performed after that time in as quick a manner as possible while maintaining quality control. The revised recommended cut scores will be brought forward to the State Board of Education for final approval in the April-June 2011 timeframe.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve moving forward with resetting cut scores on the MEAP and MME to be consistent with college readiness (on MME) and being on track to college readiness (on MEAP).

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