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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Martin Ackley, Director, Office of Public and Governmental Affairs

SUBJECT: State and Federal Legislative Update

MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

There were no House Education or K-12/MDE Appropriations subcommittee meetings held after the December 17th SBE meeting.

There was no further action on any education-related legislation after the December 17th SBE meeting.

The following House bills were introduced in December related to education:

- House Bill 5196 (Lori) would provide for specific physical education requirements (K-5 30 minutes/twice per week; 6-8 45 minutes daily for at least a semester).
- House Bill 5203 (Howrylak) would amend the dates (push them back) for performance evaluation for teachers.

MICHIGAN SENATE

There were no Senate Education or K-12/MDE Appropriations subcommittee meetings held after the December 17th SBE meeting nor was any new education-related legislation introduced.

There was no further action on any education-related legislation after the December 17th SBE meeting.

MDE ASSESSMENT OPTIONS REPORT

The House and Senate education policy committees and appropriations subcommittees are expected to hold a joint hearing on Wednesday, January 15 at 2:30 p.m. (or whenever committees are given leave to meet) to discuss the report.

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FEDERAL UPDATE

Race to the Top – Early Learning

Michigan was one of six states to win a share of the \$280 million within the 2013 Race to the Top – Early Learning grant. Seventeen states applied for this funding in October. Other winners included: Georgia, Kentucky, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Vermont.

More information can be found here:

<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop-earlylearningchallenge/index.html>

TUDA 2013

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) released the results of the 2013 Trial Urban District Assessment (TUDA) in December of which Detroit Public Schools was a participant. Secretary Duncan was positive about the demonstration of overall improvement in many of the cities. The results of Detroit's fourth and eighth graders in reading and mathematics were not significantly different in 2013 than they were in 2012.

More information can be found here:

http://nationsreportcard.gov/reading_math_tuda_2013/#/

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these or other legislative issues, please contact me at (517) 241-4395.