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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Report on the Van Buren Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

Pursuant to Section 380.1711 of the School Code of 1976, each Intermediate School District (ISD) must develop, establish, continually evaluate, and modify its Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services (Plan). Approval indicates that ISD's and local constituent districts' special education programs and services described in the Plan meet standards which are consistent with federal and state requirements. Approval also allows ISDs to receive reimbursement pursuant to the State School Aid Act.

Staff has reviewed, and I have approved, the Van Buren Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services. Attachment A is a summary of the changes from the previously approved Van Buren Intermediate School District Plan.

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VAN BUREN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
 PLAN FOR DELIVERY OF SPECIAL EDUCATION
 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
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SUMMARY OF CHANGES/MODIFICATIONS

CONTENT AREA	CHANGE / MODIFICATION
Resource Program Maximum Caseload R340.1749a/1832(e)	Changed maximum caseload from 20 to 22 with no more than 15 students at one time.
Resource Program R340.1749(b)(2)/1832(e)	Added secondary resource program to allow a maximum caseload of 22 students with no more than 15 students at one time.
Resource Program R340.1749(b)(3)/1832(e)	Added secondary resource program to allow teacher to teach subject and offer tutorial assistance during the same class period.
Severe Multiple Impairments Program R340.1748(1)(2)/1832(e)	Increased maximum caseload to 12 students. The program shall consist of 1 teacher and 2 aides for a maximum of 9 students and 1 teacher and 3 aides for 10 or more students.
(j) Funding – Distribution of Intermediate Millage Formula for Local Programs:	Added: Out-of-ISD resident students, unless they are residents of a local district bordering on a VBISD constituent district, will not be reimbursed for actual costs. The costs of any out-of-ISD resident student attending a program operated by VBISD will be the responsibility of the constituent district that has elected to enroll the student.
(k) Appointing Parent Advisory Committee Members Membership Selection	Added language to extend PAC 3-year terms on an individual basis upon agreement by both PAC and VBISD board. Added language regarding meetings held four times per year with more frequent electronic communication. Changed language to: PAC chairperson and vice chairperson may be appointed annually and can serve multiple year terms due to the voluntary nature of the position. All business of the PAC shall be decided by a simple majority of the quorum in attendance.
(o) Additional Plan Content Moderately Cognitively Impaired Program Expanded Age Range R340.1739/R340.1733	Changed language: Depending on the incidence of students placed in Moderately Cognitively Impaired Programs operated by the VBISD, expanded age ranges for programmatic feasibility and student needs may be necessary.