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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** May 10, 2016  
**TO:** State Board of Education  
**FROM:** Brian Whiston, Chairman   
**SUBJECT:** Endorsement of the Assessment Literacy Standards for Michigan

The Office of Standards and Assessment (OSA) is seeking endorsement of the Assessment Literacy Standards for Michigan that were presented to the State Board of Education on April 12, 2016. As career and college readiness assessments are administered in Michigan, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) strives to improve educators' capability to understand why to assess, as well as what to do with assessment data and results. The MDE has spent time in the past months in discussions about moving towards a common set of Assessment Literacy Standards that can be used in Michigan to support administrators, teachers, parents, and students in understanding the importance of assessment and the power of the data they produce.

The Assessment Literacy Standards produced by the Michigan Assessment Consortium (MAC) are a great starting place to begin this work across the MDE. The desire is that the State Board of Education supports the use of these standards as we continue to work to improve the assessment landscape in Michigan.

The standards can be found at the link below:

[http://michiganassessmentconsortium.org/sites/default/files/mac\\_AssessLitStds\\_mobile.pdf](http://michiganassessmentconsortium.org/sites/default/files/mac_AssessLitStds_mobile.pdf)

It is recommended that the State Board of Education endorse the Assessment Literacy Standards, as recommended in the Superintendent's Memo dated May 10, 2016.

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