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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 4, 2016

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Brian Whiston, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Report on Modifications to the Previously Approved Midland County Educational Service Agency Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

Pursuant to Section 380.1711 of the Revised School Code of 1976, the intermediate school board shall, develop, establish and continually evaluate and modify in cooperation with its constituent districts, a plan for special education that provides for the delivery of special education program and services. The plan shall coordinate the special education programs and services operated or contracted for by the constituent districts and shall be submitted to the superintendent of public instruction for approval.

The Office of Special Education has reviewed, and I have granted approval of the Midland County Educational Service Agency Plan for Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services. See Attachment A for a summary of the changes.

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Summary of Modifications to the Previously Approved Midland County Educational Service Agency Plan for Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

<i>Content Requirement(s)</i>	<i>Modification(s)</i>
Public Awareness and Child Find: R 340.1832(a)(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updated activities for locating, identifying and evaluating students who need special education programs and services. ○ Updated outreach methods. ○ Updated position responsible for coordinating child find activities to include Public School Academies that were not included in the previously approved plan.
Diagnostic and Related Services: R 340.1832(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Expanded the list of diagnostic or related services available.
Special Education Programs and Services: R 340.1832(d)(e)(g)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Changed the public agency responsible for providing a program or service. ○ Updated programs and services within the ISD.
Paraprofessional Qualifications: R 340.1832(h)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No changes were made from the previously approved plan.
Transportation: R 340.1832(i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The public agency responsible for transportation remained the same from the previously approved plan. ○ Transportation procedural information that is not required content was removed.
Millage Fund Distribution: R 340.1832(j)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updated process for distribution of PA 18 millage funds.
Parent Advisory Committee (PAC): R 340.1832(k)-(n):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updated the role and responsibility of the PAC.
Surrogate Parents: SBE Surrogate Parent Policy (9-8-08)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Removed verification procedures for surrogate parent that are not required content.