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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 29, 2016
TO: State Board of Education
FROM: Martin Ackley, Office of Public and Governmental Affairs
SUBJECT: State and Federal Legislative Update

MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House of Representatives has been in recess since July 13, 2016. There were no bills introduced.

MICHIGAN SENATE

The Senate has been in recess since July 13, 2016. There were no bills introduced.

MISCELLANEOUS

The House of Representatives and Senate will reconvene on August 3, 2016, and beginning again on September 6, 2016.

On July 27, 2016, Governor Snyder signed an Executive Order creating the PreK-12 Literacy Commission to provide policy recommendations and reports on the state's progress in becoming a national leader in literacy.

FEDERAL UPDATE

ESSA

NPRMs on Assessments, Innovative Assessment Pilot

On July 11, 2016, the U.S. Department of Education (USED) officially published in the Federal Register, Notices of Proposed Rulemaking on [Assessments](#) and the [Innovative Assessment Demonstration Authority](#) under Title I of ESSA.

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The Assessment proposal is based upon proposals that the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee reached consensus on in April, while the Innovative Assessment Pilot proposal is new language. They welcome input as they develop comments, which will be due to USED on September 9, 2016.

CONGRESS

Congressional Recess

Both the House of Representatives and Senate have adjourned for the August recess and are scheduled to return after Labor Day.

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