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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

On May 19, **HB 4265 COMMUNITY COLLEGES (Price)** was reported from the full House of Representatives and referred to the Senate Committee on Education. The bill revises criteria for community college district annexation.

On May 14, **HB 4594 SCHOOL AID (McBroom)** was referred to the House Committee on Education. The bill expands shared time participation and reimbursement to kindergarten.

On May 19, **HB 4602 TENURE (Pagel)** was referred to the House Committee on Education. The bill prohibits nonteaching positions earning tenure.

On May 19, **HB 4603 GRADUATION RATES (Pagel)** was referred to the House Committee on Education. The bill removes adult education and alternative education from graduation rate reporting statistics.

On May 21, **HB 4632 EDUCATION (Driskell)** was referred to the House Committee on Education. The bill revises procedures for annexation to allow optional vote within annexing school district.

On May 27, **HB 4644 EDUCATION (Kelly)** was referred to the House committee on Appropriations. The bill provides for use of proceeds of dissolved school district buildings and restrictions on demolition of school buildings.

On May 27, **HB 4650 EDUCATION (Miller. D)** was referred to the House committee on Education. The bill requires notification to local law enforcement and Department of Education for request of student transfer records within a 14-day period.

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On May 27, **HB 4657 EDUCATION (Chang)** was referred to the House committee on Education. The bill requires certain activities to determine and eliminate environmental hazards before building a school or acquiring a site for a school.

On May 13, **HCR 12 HOME SCHOOLING (Price)** was referred to the House Committee on Education. The concurrent resolution to confirm and support the right of Michigan parents to homeschool their children with no interference from the state.

On May 20, **SB 103 EDUCATOR EVALUATIONS (Pavlov)** was reported from the full Senate to the House of Representatives. The bill revises performance evaluation requirements for teachers and school administrators.

On May 26, **SB 139 FUND-RAISING DURING SCHOOL (Colbeck)** was transmitted to the Governor and awaits further action. The bill allows certain fund-raising activities during school hours.

On May 20, **SB 209 U.S. HISTORY LESSONS (Colbeck)** was reported from the Senate Education Committee to the full Senate. The bill encourages and requires instruction in certain United States historical information to be included on state testing.

On May 20, **SB 211 AMERICAN HERITAGE DOCUMENTS (Shirkey)** was reported from the Senate Education Committee to the full Senate. The bill encourages and requires instruction in certain United States historical information to be included on state testing.

On May 12, **SB 319 EDUCATION ADEQUACY STUDY (Shirkey)** was referred to the Senate Committee on Appropriations. The bill repeals earlier legislation requiring the state to launch a public education adequacy study.

Budget Action

On June 2, **HB 4089 SCHOOL AID APPROPRIATIONS (Pscholka)** held a conference committee and agreed on the matters of difference between the House of Representatives and the Senate. The conferees named to the committee were Senators Hansen, Pavlov and Hopgood. Representatives Kelly, Potvin, and Roberts. The bill Provides for school aid appropriations for fiscal year 2015-16.

On May 28, **HB 4097 EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS (Pscholka)** held a conference committee and agreed on the matters of difference between the House of Representatives and the Senate. The conferees named to the committee were Senators Hansen, Pavlov, and Hopgood. Representatives Potvin, Kelly, and Pagan. The bill provides for school aid appropriations for fiscal year 2015-16.

FEDERAL UPDATE

EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY

During his May 2 weekly address, President Obama reiterated his commitment to expanding access to education and spreading the joy of reading to more children and young adults.

The President announced new efforts that build upon the progress of his ConnectED initiative: a challenge to libraries, mayors, and school leaders to help every student get a library card and commitments from libraries and publishers to provide more than \$250 million in free e-books for low-income students.

The White House also announced the "My Brother's Keeper Alliance", a new private sector entity that will disseminate best practices, strengthen federal policy, and implement strategies to support communities to expand opportunity for youth.

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