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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** State Board of Education

**FROM:** Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

**DATE:** December 17, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Presentation on MEAP-Access Fall 2009 Assessment Results and Recommendations

MEAP-Access is Michigan's Alternate Assessment based on Modified Achievement Standards (AA-MAS). It was designed to provide a valid, reliable, and fair measure of the achievement of students with disabilities who receive grade-level instruction, but struggle to meet grade-level content expectations (GLCEs).

Based on the analysis of MEAP-Access results from fall 2009, the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) has chosen to delay the formal standard-setting until a future administration cycle. The OEAA is seeking feedback from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and stakeholders across the state in the coming days to assist in formulating recommendations for appropriate use of the fall 2009 test results, which will be presented to the State Board of Education at its meeting on January 12, 2010.

The purpose of this agenda item is to present the OEAA's plan for interpreting the results of the first operational administration of MEAP-Access in fall 2009 and to present recommendations for going forward. Since the goal of OEAA is to provide results for students who participated in MEAP-Access in a timely manner, it is requested that the State Board of Education review OEAA's recommendations for comment and approval at the January meeting.

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