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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Local and Intermediate School District Special Education Directors
Public School Academy Directors and Authorizers
District and School Assessment Coordinators
Public School Principals
Nonpublic School Administrators

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
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SUBJECT: MEAP-Access One-Year Delay

The MEAP-Access assessment was operationally administered for the first time in Fall 2009. Low reliabilities from the first operational administration showed a need for more extensive modification of MEAP items to provide access to the content for the intended participants in MEAP-Access. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has spent considerable energy in planning for the additional modifications to be in place for Fall 2010. It has become clear, after internal discussions and discussions with contractors, that attempting to put the modifications in place could possibly result in insufficiently high reliabilities in 2010 as well.

The decision has been made to delay the next operational administration of MEAP-Access until Fall of 2011. This has been done to assure that the necessary effort and study has been put into the next operational administration of MEAP-Access for its success and the ability to use it for calculating Adequate Yearly Progress going forward.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability at 1-877-560-8378 or oeaa@michigan.gov.

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