

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Michigan Department of Education, Bureau of Assessment and Accountability, will conduct twelve public hearings to receive public comments on the Michigan School Accreditation and Accountability System (MI-SAAS) as required under MCL 380.1280. In February 2011, the State Board of Education approved the MI-SAAS as the state's new accreditation system to provide a means of setting standards for continuous school improvement. The MI-SAAS approved in February incorporated several changes in response to previous comments from the field and reflected alignment with existing policies. These changes include:

1. Removal of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and accounting for subgroup achievement by including the largest achievement gap between any two subgroups in each school in the top-to-bottom ranking.
2. Removal of graduation rate from the "Compliance and Board Policy Factors" portion of MI-SAAS and accounting for the graduation rate by including it in the top-to-bottom ranking.
3. The addition of the following "sunset clause": "MI-SAAS will be revised when at least 80% of students are scoring proficient or higher in at least 80% of Michigan schools, with proficiency cut scores tied to college and career readiness or being on track to college and career readiness."

A more complete description of these changes as described in the approved Michigan State Board of Education item can be found at the link below.

The Michigan Department of Education also highlights one compliance factor in the current compliance factors that gives schools credit for their progress toward the six areas of accreditation outlined in the statute. A summary of this compliance factor can be found at the link below.

The proposed revisions to the state accreditation system are available for review on the Internet at [http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-22709\\_52634---.00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-22709_52634---.00.html).

Public hearings will be held at the following dates, times, and locations:

**Kent Intermediate School District**, 2930 Knapp Avenue NE, Grand Rapids, MI, 49525, 616-364-1333. April 20, 2011, 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the Cedar Room and April 21, 2011, 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

**Washtenaw Intermediate School District**, 1819 South Wagner Road, Ann Arbor, MI, 48106-1406, 734-994-8100. April 20, 2011, 4:00-7:00 p.m. in Seminar Room #1 and April 21, 2011, 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 3:00-5:00 p.m. in Seminar Room #3.

**Inland Lakes High School** (Cheboygan-Otesego-Presque Isle ISD), 4363 S. Straits Highway, Indian River, MI 49749, 231-238-6868. April 20, 2011, 4:00-7:00p.m. in Classroom #210 and April 21, 2011, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon and 3:00-5:00 p.m. in Classroom #210.

**Northern Michigan University**, 1401 Presque Isle Avenue, Marquette, MI, 49855-5301, 906-227-1000. April 20, 2011, 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the Charcoal Room and April 21, 2011, 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Charcoal Room.

Oral or written comments may be presented in person at a hearing or submitted in writing by mail, email, or facsimile no later than 5:00 p.m., April 22, 2011. All comments will be reviewed and considered. Comments may be submitted to the following:

Public Comment, Bureau of Assessment and Accountability, Michigan Department of Education, P.O. Box 30008, Lansing, MI 48909  
Email: [mde-accountability@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-accountability@michigan.gov) or Fax: 517-335-1186

If special accommodations are needed to participate in a public hearing, contact Mary Brinks at 517.335-0011 or email to [brinksm@michigan.gov](mailto:brinksm@michigan.gov) by April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011