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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents and
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D. 
Deputy Superintendent, Education Services

SUBJECT: Revised School Improvement Framework and District Improvement
Framework Public Comment Survey

The School Improvement Framework (SIF) was approved by the State Board of Education in 2005 and resulted in the development of tools that have been used by schools since then to self-assess the district and school supports for student achievement. Since that time, there have been many changes in the educational landscape, including: 21st Century Skills, an increased emphasis on collaboration, quality instruction, structures of support and technology. The field has told us that our current SIF no longer accurately reflects the educational landscape. To address this concern, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) began a revision process. As the district components were removed from the SIF, the research on district support of effective schools was reviewed. As a result, an accompanying District Improvement Framework (DIF) was built.

Pilot schools and districts have reviewed the documents to the SIF and the DIF this past fall. On January 14, 2014, the State Board of Education approved a request by the MDE to seek public comment regarding the SIF and DIF documents. Following a period of public comment, the MDE staff will return to the State Board of Education seeking approval and adoption of the revised framework for both schools and districts. The MDE asks that education stakeholders provide comment and input into this process via the SIF and DIF Framework Public Comment Survey that may be accessed using the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/difsifcomment>. The SIF and DIF Framework documents may be found using a link embedded in the survey document. The online survey may be completed through 5:00 p.m., February 14, 2014.

Questions regarding the survey may be directed to Jonathan Doll, Consultant, at dollj2@michigan.gov or 517-373-3488.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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