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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Mike Flanagan
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SUBJECT: Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth Survey

As part of a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) developed a web-based system to help school districts collect, interpret, and utilize building and district-level information to improve programming funded under the Title IV Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program of the No Child Left Behind Act.

The Michigan Department of Education is announcing the opening of the Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth (MiPHY) survey on November 1, 2007, and continuing through May 31, 2008. Your district's participation will provide usable data on student health behaviors and drive local decision-making efforts.

The Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth is an online, anonymous student survey, and will be reported in aggregate form for local district use. The MiPHY is a biennial survey designed to assess risk behaviors and risk and protective factors in grades 7, 9, and 11.

This system will incorporate data from several sources into online reports available through the Michigan Electronic Information System (MEIS). Guidance from MDE and MDCH will be provided on the use of these reports to inform local efforts to reduce drug use, violence, and related problem behaviors, and to promote healthy youth development.

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Based upon the needs expressed by many district Safe and Drug-Free Schools coordinators and others, the MiPHY:

- is endorsed by MDE and MDCH as the recommended survey for local assessment of student risk behaviors.
- reduces the burden of conducting multiple student surveys. The comprehensive scope of the MiPHY makes additional student health surveys obsolete, allowing more precious time devoted to instruction.
- is free of charge to districts. Free survey administration and reports allow more Title IV funds for direct services.
- is private. Student privacy is ensured via a secured web survey portal, no student identifiers, and aggregate reports.
- is designed for local use and local-level decision making. Reports are intended for use by districts and their community partners, with electronic access limited to personnel approved by the district superintendent or public school academy director.
- will generate reports quickly. Summary reports will be available online in 2 to 4 business days, allowing time to identify needs and plan for adjustments in services.
- will provide trend reports from year-to-year and comparisons to the Michigan Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS).

For more information about the MiPHY, please visit www.michigan.gov/miphy or contact:

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