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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer

SUBJECT: 2009-10 Annual Education Report (AER) Embargo Lifted

The embargo restricting publication of the school and district Annual Education Reports (AER) has now been lifted due to the 2009-10 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) release of elementary/middle school and high school results which occurred yesterday at 10:00 a.m. The AER tool, with 2009-10 data, is now publicly available at www.michigan.gov/aer.

The AER is designed to meet the federal requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act also known as No Child Left Behind for an annual report. The report provides detailed data on state administered student assessment results, AYP results, teacher qualification information, and the state results for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). There is an AER for the state, each district and each school populated with the appropriate information. Also, a cover letter has been designed for your use.

The AER and cover letters also meet the state requirement (PA 25) for reporting to parents and communities in an annual education report. Local education agencies and schools must post and make copies available of their AER and a cover letter with required elements 15 days before school starts in the fall of 2010. This is a new federal guideline established in 2009. Providing this information 15 days before school starts allows parents to make a better choice about which school to select for their child. This information should remain available on the website(s) for a year, until the next year's report is prepared.

Please review the frequently asked questions found at www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/OFS_AER_FAQ_memo_with_attachment_07-01-10_326794_7.pdf for details and information.

If you have questions, please call Mike Radke, Director for the Office of Field Services, at 517/373-3921.

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