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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 4, 2018

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

FROM: Susan Broman, Deputy Superintendent ^{SB}
P-20 System and Student Transitions

SUBJECT: Notice of Public Hearing on Significant Disproportionality Methodology in Michigan

The Michigan Department of Education, Office of Special Education will conduct four public hearings to receive public comment on the following proposed procedures for Significant Disproportionality.

The proposed changes establish a standard methodology in the annual determination under the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* section 618 (d) (20 U.S.C. 1418 (d)) of whether significant disproportionality based on race and ethnicity is occurring in the state and the local educational agencies of the state.

The proposed procedures [Significant Disproportionality Methodology in Michigan](#) are available at [MDE website](#) (www.michigan.gov/specialeducation) under "[OSE Spotlight](#)."

Public hearings will be held on the proposed rules on:

- **Tuesday, February 6, 2018, 4 p.m.—6 p.m.** at University Center Gaylord, 80 Livingston Blvd, Gaylord, MI 49735
- **Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 5 p.m.—7 p.m.** at Crowne Plaza, 925 S Creyts Road, Ballroom E, Lansing, MI 48917
- **Thursday, February 22, 2018, 3:30 p.m.—5 p.m.** at Northern Michigan University, The Don H. Bottum University Center, 1401 Presque Isle Ave, Marquette, MI 49855

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- **Monday, February 26, 2018, 4 p.m.—6 p.m.** at Outdoor Adventure Center, Discovery Lab Classroom, 1801 Atwater Street, Detroit, MI 48207

Oral or written comments may be presented in person at the hearing or submitted via email to MDE-OSE-Public-Comment@michigan.gov. Comments must be received no later than **March 8, 2018**. Individuals who do not have access to a computer can mail written comments to:

Public Comment-Significant Disproportionality
Office of Special Education
Michigan Department of Education
P.O. Box 30008
Lansing, Michigan 48909

All comments will be reviewed and considered in the final version of the procedures.

If special accommodations are needed to participate in the public hearings, contact Julie Markham at 517-373-2979 or email MarkhamJ@michigan.gov two weeks before the expected public hearing date.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance