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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
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SUBJECT: Section 1003(g) School Improvement Grants Waiver Request

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is requesting a U.S. Department of Education (USED) waiver of certain requirements in the final requirements for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Section 1003(g) School Improvement Grants.

The waiver will permit a two year delay in the replacement of the principal in schools that choose the turnaround or transformation model provided that the school has made progress towards raising student achievement outcomes in the previous school year. If the school shows progress in the next two years and an increase in achievement over the two year period, the principal may remain at the school. If the school continues to show little or no progress the principal must be replaced.

The end result is that current leadership is afforded the opportunity to remain in place and guide the school through its improvement efforts.

The waiver request may be accessed online at www.michigan.gov/osi under "Current Topics."

LEAs wishing to comment on the request should submit comments to ARRAWaiverResponse@michigan.gov by August 19, 2011.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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