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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Kyle L. Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent *KG*

SUBJECT: State Board of Education Policy on Reducing Student Suspensions
and Expulsions

On May 13, 2014, the State Board of Education (SBE) adopted the "Policy on Reducing Student Suspensions and Expulsions." The SBE remains committed to policies that preserve the safest environment possible for all members of Michigan school communities. The policy is intended to be used as a guide to assist school districts as they develop their own policies to reduce suspensions and expulsions and keep students engaged in a rich learning environment.

SBE's recently approved policy and other resources are available on our website at:
http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-28753_38684_29823-195853--,00.html.

The U.S. Department of Education has released a [Directory of Federal School Climate and Discipline Resources](#) with a breadth of resources for improving school climate and discipline to help ensure safe and supportive learning environments. The directory can be used to develop supportive classrooms, encourage positive behaviors, and support the diversity of student needs, including social and emotional skills development and mental health services.

Questions may be directed to Polly Brainerd in the Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs unit at (517) 241-2293 or brainerdp@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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