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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Report on a Modification to the Previously Approved Sanilac Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

Pursuant to Section 380.1711 of the School Code of 1976, each intermediate school district must develop, establish, continually evaluate, and modify its Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services (Plan). Approval indicates that intermediate school districts' and local constituent districts' special education programs and services described in the Plan meet standards which are consistent with federal and state requirements. Approval also allows intermediate school districts to receive reimbursement pursuant to the State School Aid Act.

Staff has reviewed, and I have granted approval of the Sanilac Intermediate School District Plan modification. See Attachment A for a summary of the Sanilac Intermediate School District Plan modification.

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SANILAC INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT PLAN FOR
THE DELIVERY OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

SUMMARY

The Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education define the requirements of Rule 340.1786, Teachers of students with cognitive impairments, as well as Rule 340.1799, Teachers of students with autism spectrum disorder. The Sanilac Intermediate School District (ISD) would like to provide the option of having a teacher of either endorsement area as a teacher in the severe cognitive impairment classroom.

This modification will provide the option of having a teacher endorsed in the area of autism spectrum disorder as a teacher in this program. The Sanilac ISD operates a severe cognitive impairment program for low incidence students that includes students with autism spectrum disorder who are functioning at this level. All students in the program would benefit from having available the option of a teacher endorsed in the area of autism.