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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors
Non-Public School Administrators

FROM: Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent *KG*

SUBJECT: Public Service Announcement Regarding School Impersonation Scheme

The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Center for Internet Security have announced an increase in "school impersonation" schemes where large purchases such as laptops, routers, hard drives, and printers are sent to true shipping addresses of school districts. A representative contacts the school and posing as an employee of the vendor claims the products were shipped to the school district in error. The representative requests the products be returned to a bogus address. The products are often re-shipped overseas. Please see the [Internet Crime Complaint Center \(IC3\) advisory](#) for additional information.

School district officials are encouraged to disseminate this information and to be aware of such fraudulent schemes.

Questions regarding this communication can be directed to Louis Burgess, Michigan Department of Education's Security Officer, at 517-373-4337 or burgessl@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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