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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 13, 2015

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

FROM: Norma Jean Sass *njs*
Deputy Superintendent, Education Services

SUBJECT: Release of Michigan K-12 Science Standards for Public Comment and
Upcoming Public Information Sessions

In 2011, Michigan became a lead state in a 26-state consortium to develop new standards based upon the Framework for K-12 Science Education from the National Research Council. Since that time, Michigan's science education community has been involved in the development and review of the standards, the creation of supplemental resources around these standards, and the development of a professional learning support structure to aid in the implementation of these standards.

Starting in May 2014, the State Board of Education was presented with a series of informational presentations and discussion opportunities around the standards and the impact they would have on students and educators in our state. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE), at the request of the State Board, engaged in dialogue with individual legislators and other stakeholders to inform them of the standards and the implementation considerations for adoption. Along the way, multiple stakeholder groups and their representatives engaged in dialogue with MDE staff to further inform the standards and the implementation plan that would support the transition to these standards, if adopted.

The MDE is seeking public comment on the updated standards and would like to gather further input through an online public comment survey and through public information sessions. The online public comment survey can be found at michigan.gov/science.

The MDE is collaborating with several educational institutions and service providers to provide opportunities to share information about the proposed standards. The MDE will gather feedback on both the standards and considerations for how these standards will be implemented at the local, regional, and state level. The following information sessions will be open to the public, and will feature presentations on both the proposed science and social studies standards, as well as information and comments from local educators, school and business leaders, and organizations that will support the implementation of the standards.

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| Date | Time | Location | Location / Phone |
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| August 26, 2015 | 3:00 – 6:00pm | Eastern Upper Peninsula ISD and Math/Science Center | 315 Armory Place Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan (906) 632-3373 |
| August 27, 2015 | 5:00 – 8:00pm | Seaborg Math/Science Center, Northern Michigan University | 2805 Presque Isle Ave. Marquette, Michigan (906) 227-2002 |
| Sept. 1, 2015 | 5:00 – 8:00pm | Michigan Science Center | 5020 John R St. Detroit, Michigan (313) 577-8400 |
| Sept. 3, 2015 | 5:00 – 8:00pm | Central Michigan University Science, Mathematics, and Technology Center | CMU Bovee University Center Terrace Rooms Mount Pleasant, Michigan (989) 774-4387 |
| Sept. 14, 2015 | 5:00 – 8:00pm | Gerald R. Ford Museum | 303 Pearl St. NW Grand Rapids, Michigan (616) 254-0400 |
| Sept. 17, 2015 | 5:00 – 8:00pm | Battle Creek Area Math and Science Center | 171 Michigan Ave. Battle Creek, Michigan (269) 965-9440 |
| Sept. 21, 2015 | 5:00 – 8:00pm | Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District | 1101 Red Drive Traverse City, Michigan (231) 922-6200 |
| Sept. 28, 2015 | 5:00 – 8:00pm | Genesee Intermediate School District | 2413 W. Maple Ave. Flint, Michigan (810) 591-4400 |
| Sept. 30, 2015 | 5:00 – 8:00pm | Michigan Historical Center and Library | 702 W. Kalamazoo St. Lansing, Michigan (517) 373-3559 |

These sessions will provide a broad overview of the standards and adoption considerations, and will then include multiple breakout sessions to address science and social studies standards. Feedback will be gathered from attendees on the standards at all sessions.

The MDE will also present information at the upcoming Division of Accountability and Assessment Services conferences later this month, and will post recordings of presentations from the various sessions. Additional information on the proposed standards, public comment survey, public information sessions, and other related information can be found at michigan.gov/science.

If you have questions please contact MDE-science@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance