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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D. 
Deputy Superintendent, Education Services

SUBJECT: Notification of Changes in the Technology Planning Process

The following communication is intended to inform Michigan K-12 districts (ISDs, LEAs and PSAs) about changes being implemented in the technology planning process. Beginning in the spring of 2014, districts will no longer submit their technology plans for approval in the Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS); districts will instead use the MTRAx application (www.mtrax.org) for the development and submission of these plans. This change is deemed necessary by the retirement of the MEGS by the Department of Technology, Management and Budget. Technology Planning in MEGS will no longer be available after **May 30, 2014**.

All districts with expired or expiring technology plans are required to complete their technology plans and submit them for approval in MTRAx by June 30, 2014. The Technology Planning module in MTRAx will be available for use on **April 1, 2014**. Webinar trainings for the new module are being offered on the following dates:

- April 9 – 1:00pm
- April 14 – 10:00am
- April 16 – 1:00pm
- April 21 – 10:00am

Attendees may register for the training at <https://www.miemeseries.org/>. The developers of the MTRAx application will be conducting the webinars and providing detailed information on the requirements and functionality built into the application to support the process. Districts can expect that for this year the technology planning process will be similar to years past, with the key difference being the use of the MTRAx application.

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Beginning in the 2014/15 school year, a new technology process will be rolled out to the entire K-12 community in Michigan. While this process is still being developed, the overall vision is one of an annual process that is dynamic and data driven. Stakeholders from throughout the State are collaborating on the development of this new technology planning process. The MTRAx application will continue to be the vehicle used to facilitate tech planning in the future and will be further developed to support the new process. More information will be released on changes to the technology planning process as it becomes available.

For more information on the Technology Plan submission, please contact Ann-Marie Smith (SmithA24@michigan.gov) or call (517) 335-2775.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance