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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** May 4, 2017

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

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

**SUBJECT:** Model Local School Wellness Policy

A local school wellness policy is a written document that guides a local educational agency's (LEA) efforts to establish a school building environment that promotes students' health, well-being, and ability to learn. The wellness policy requirement was established by the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, and further strengthened by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. It is specific to LEAs (local school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts) that participate in the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program. The responsibility for developing, implementing, and evaluating a wellness policy is placed at the local level so the unique needs of each school under the LEAs' jurisdiction can be addressed.

To assist Michigan school districts in developing their own local school wellness policies, the State Board of Education approved a [Model Local School Wellness Policy](#) at their April 19, 2017, meeting. This document supersedes the 2005 model policy and must be modified to reflect local school district policy and procedure as required by the updated federal regulations.

Questions regarding the content of this memorandum may be directed to Whitney Vance in the School Health and Safety Programs unit at 517-241-9111 or [vancew@michigan.gov](mailto:vancew@michigan.gov).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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