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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** August 31, 2017

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

**FROM:** Susan Broman, Deputy Superintendent *SB*  
P-20 System and Student Transitions

**SUBJECT:** Emergency Use of Seclusion and Physical Restraint

In December 2016, the State of Michigan adopted [Public Act 394 of 2016](#) restricting the use of seclusion and restraint in schools. On March 14, 2017, the State Board of Education (SBE) adopted the "[Policy for the Emergency Use of Seclusion and Restraint](#)" as required by [MCL 380.1307](#). An update to the Policy was issued in July 2017.

The statute also required the MDE to develop guidance documents to assist school districts in implementing the new law. Those documents are listed below:

- [Emergency Use of Seclusion and Physical Restraint Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Seclusion and Restraint Documentation Form](#)
- [Seclusion and Restraint Debriefing Form](#)

It is the intent of the MDE to periodically update the guidance documents to reflect new changes and answer questions that are not addressed in the policy.

If you have questions, you may contact MDE at 888-320-8384 or at [mde-ose@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-ose@michigan.gov).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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