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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** August 7, 2020

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

**FROM:** Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent *KG*  
Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent *Venessa*

**SUBJECT:** Health and Safety Protocol Training Options – MEMO #COVID-19-085

As districts craft their preparedness plans under [Executive Order 2020-142](#) for the delivery of education in the 2020-2021 school year, districts may be developing plans to train staff on health and safety protocols in preparation for in-person instruction. Options are available to provide this training.

As many of you are aware, districts currently can use one or more of the five required education-related, district-provided professional development days (DPPD) under Section 1527 of the Revised School Code (MCL 380.1527) for staff training on health and safety protocols.

Another option is available through Section 101(4) of the State School Aid Act (MCL 388.1701(4)). Districts can cancel a day of instruction due to health and safety concerns and may use Section 101(4) to offset the loss of instructional time. A day may then be used to provide training to staff on health and safety protocols in preparation for in-person instruction. If this option is of interest to you and your district, please work with your bargaining groups and consult your legal counsel regarding the conditions under which you would provide the training.

If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Beagle in the Office of Financial Management at [beaglej1@michigan.gov](mailto:beaglej1@michigan.gov).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance  
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