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TO:            ISD, Local, Nonpublic, and Public School Academy Superintendents

FROM:         Carol L. Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT:      Consortium Deadline Extended for USDA Commodities

There appears to be some confusion regarding the distribution of USDA commodities for next school year, 2006-2007. Here are the facts for SY 2006-07:

\*\*Schools are not required to join a consortium to receive USDA commodities for SY 2006-07. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) plans to continue contracts with our state contracted warehouses, Northern Foods and TLC, for SY 2006-07.

\*\*There are three consortiums that will participate in a direct diversion of commodities for next school year:

Great Lakes Consortium (GLC) - Traverse City Public Schools, Fiscal Agent  
School Purchasing and Resource Consortium (SPARC) - Manistee ISD, Fiscal Agent  
Macomb Oakland RESA (MOR) - Oakland School, Fiscal Agent

\*\*The three consortiums invited various schools to join them for SY 2006-07. Invitations were sent through MDE's Education Grants System (MEGS) to the Level 5 authorized official at the school district. Schools that may have expressed an interest in joining a consortium were invited by the consortium fiscal agent. The Level 5 authorized official was directed to accept or reject the invitation in MEGS.

\*\*The deadline to accept or reject the invitation in MEGS to join a consortium was December 15, 2005. However, MDE is extending the deadline to accept or reject membership in a consortium to Friday, December 23, 2005.

\*\*If your school has accepted membership into a consortium but you wish to continue with the state contracted warehouse in your region for SY 2006-07, your Level 5 authorized MEGS official must enter MEGS and reject the original invitation.

\*\*If you did not receive an invitation to a consortium or you desire more information on the consortiums, please click on the following link for additional consortium information:

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/ConsortiumFacts\\_145138\\_7.doc](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/ConsortiumFacts_145138_7.doc)

MEGS questions may be directed to Judy Byrnes at 517-241-3895.

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