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To: All Non-Public School Principals

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Subject: Michigan Educational Assessment Program Invitation To Participate

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) cordially invites **all** state recognized non-public schools with appropriate grades to participate in the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) assessments. The MEAP provides valuable feedback for students, classrooms and schools. Results describe performance about what students know and can do in relation to the state curriculum standards which most Michigan schools have aligned with their own curriculum. Michigan students who take specific MEAP assessments may be eligible for one or more scholarships that could help fund their post-secondary education (go to the website <http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/> or call toll-free 1-888-447-2687 for details on Financial Aid Programs). For further information regarding the MEAP, please visit the MEAP website at <http://www.michigan.gov/meap>. Or, if your school currently does not participate in any of the MEAP assessments and would like to begin, please have the school principal or superintendent contact our contractor, Pearson Educational Measurement, toll-free at **1-800-204-4109** or email their request to meap@pearson.com.

In the spring, the MEAP assesses eleventh grade students in mathematics, English Language Arts, science, and social studies. In the fall, the MEAP assesses each grade from 3 through 8 in mathematics and English Language Arts; plus grades 5 and 8 in science and grades 6 and 9 in social studies. Also, in the fall, there is a retest for twelfth grade students to obtain or improve their scores on the eleventh grade assessments. The 2006 MEAP assessments dates are:

MEAP	Administration Dates	Deadline To Request Participation	Deadline for student/material information
Grade 11			
Cycle 1	3/20/2006 – 3/31/2006	1/19/2006	1/26/2006
Cycle 2	3/27/2006 – 4/7/2006	1/19/2006	1/26/2006
Cycle 3	4/3/2006 – 4/14/2006	1/19/2006	1/26/2006
Grades 3 through 9	10/3/2006 – 10/21/2006	7/31/2006	7/31/2006
Grade 11 – retest	10/23/2006 – 11/3/2006	8/15/2006	8/15/2006

All of the required assessment materials, except pencils, are provided by the MDE. The packaging and couriers to distribute and retrieve the materials are also covered by the MDE. The only cost to the school is the time to read the guidelines and administer the assessments. Pencils are to be provided either by the student or the school.

Any non-public school that chooses to participate in any of the MEAP assessments will not be required to administer the assessments to any student that does not attend their school.

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