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Memorandum

TO: Directors of Migrant Education Programs
MEDS Data Entry Specialists

FROM: Linda Forward
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RE: MEDS/MSIX Migrant Curriculum Component

As we move toward the full implementation of the MSIX program for migrant students, one of the key initiatives is to add the course history for all students grades K-12. Since these data will likely need to be collected in the future for all students in Michigan, we thought it best to develop a system that collected all similar data in the same place – the new Michigan Student Data System (MSDS), that will be replacing the Single Record Student Database (SRSD). This will put the Migrant Education Program in the unique position of being able to serve as the pilot project for the state. The Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) is working with its developers to have the Migrant Curriculum component in place for Fall 2008. Unlike the current SRSD, this component will be available on a daily basis for eventual transmittal to the MSIX system.

What does this mean for migrant and non-migrant programs across the state? All school districts that serve migrant students will be responsible to enter the data regarding course work into the MSDS within five days of the migrant student's entry into the system and 10 days of the time the migrant student exits the program. This is required of all districts serving migrant students, regardless of participation in the federally funded Migrant Education Program. This can be done with district personnel responsible for CEPI data entry or by using MEDS data entry specialists to complete the work in MSDS.

Training will be available as we approach the time to activate this portion of MSDS, we will hold trainings across the state to assist with data collection and entry for MEDS and SRSD/MSDS data entry specialists as well as program directors. Look for dates to be announced in early fall.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Evelyn Sitterson via e-mail at sittersone@michigan.gov or at 517-373-6066.

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