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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 13, 2020

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

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent 
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

SUBJECT: Read by Grade 3 Survey Launch

In 2016, the Michigan state legislature passed Michigan's Read by Grade 3 law ([MCL 380.1280f](#)). Subsequently, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) requested that the Education Policy Innovation Collaborative (EPIC) at Michigan State University work in partnership with MDE and the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) to evaluate the law. The purpose of this research is to understand the law's effects on student achievement and attainment, and how the law is being implemented in schools and districts across the state.

Educator voice is critical to understanding the implementation of the Read by Grade 3 Law in Michigan. Therefore, **beginning February 18, 2020, EPIC will be surveying all K-8 teachers and principals, district superintendents and Intermediate School District early literacy coaches statewide about educators' perspectives on the law.** Superintendents and principals will receive communication from EPIC, and principals will be asked to pass these messages along to their K-8 teachers.

MDE encourages all appropriate educators to participate in the survey. The survey will take approximately 25 minutes, and educators can receive 5 State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs) for completing the survey. Additionally, schools that reach a 65 percent response rate across their building will be entered into a raffle for the chance to receive \$500 deposited into the school's Scholastic account. Please note: the rule remains one SCECH for one hour of professional learning for districts and other providers who are offering these opportunities.

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Responses to the survey will be kept strictly confidential as will the names of the school. All responses will be summarized in a way such that no individuals or schools can be identified. The findings from this survey will be used to produce reports to Michigan policymakers and practitioners, policy briefs, journal articles and presentations at academic conferences.

This survey is part of a five-year study of Read by Grade 3 funded by grants from the U.S. Department of Education Institute for Education Sciences and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. EPIC will conduct educator surveys each year for the first four years of the project. Additionally, EPIC will be conducting classroom observations and interviews, as well as examining the impact of Read by Grade 3 on student outcomes.

If you have questions about the Read by Grade 3 research or the survey, please contact EPIC managing director Emily Mohr at (emoehr@msu.edu).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance