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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol", written in black ink.

SUBJECT: Michigan Reads! Program Kits Shipping to You Now

The 2013 Michigan Reads! program kits are shipping to all schools with K-2 classrooms, Head Start Programs and Great Start Readiness Programs (GSRP). This annual program promotes the value and benefits of reading early and often to preschoolers and young children. Access to quality books, programs and services creates a foundation for reading and student achievement to assure we meet the metric that all students are reading at grade level by the end of third grade.

The 2013 book is *Woolbur* by Leslie Helakoski. The kit contains a programming guide full of materials and ideas to help children develop literacy skills through play-based activities linked to the selected book. It also includes a book, a poster, bookmarks and stickers. More information on the kit and additional materials, including a standards cross walk for the grade level activities, is at www.michigan.gov/michiganreads.

If you have any questions, please contact Karren Reish, Library Grants Coordinator, at reishk@michigan.gov or 517-241-0021.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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