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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 30, 2015

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

FROM: Linda Forward *Linda Forward*
Interim Deputy Superintendent, Education Services

SUBJECT: Clarification of the Improvement Process for Intermediate School District
Plans for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) Memorandum dated April 30, 2015, "Improvement Process for Intermediate School District (ISD) Plans for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services." As allowed by the Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education (MARSE) at R 340.1832(e), the MDE Office of Special Education (MDE-OSE) will continue to allow alternative programs within the content of the ISD Plan. These alternative programs may be innovative programs that differ from programs currently identified in Part 3 of the MARSE. These programs may also be altered versions of existing Programs identified in Part 3 of the MARSE.

The intent of these improvements is to streamline the approval process. This will support the conversion of the Plans into an electronic system.

The rotational schedule for the submission and review of ISD plan development and approval will remain in effect. This rotation schedule is available at:
www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/ISD_Plan_Rotation_Schedule_487588_7.pdf

The MDE-OSE appreciates your patience in this improvement process. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Rotarius at rotariusn@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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