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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** June 30, 2016

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

**FROM:** Kyle L. Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent *KG*

**SUBJECT:** Food Allergy Guidelines for Michigan Schools

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's *Voluntary Guidelines for Managing Food Allergies In Schools and Early Care and Education Programs*, food allergies are a growing food safety and public health concern that affect an estimated four to six percent of children in the United States. The prevalence of food allergies among children increased 18 percent during 1997–2007, and allergic reactions to foods have become the most common cause of anaphylaxis in community health settings. In 2006, about 88 percent of schools had one or more students with a food allergy. To address this growing concern, the Michigan Department of Education developed [Food Allergy Guidelines for Michigan Schools](#) to help meet the daily management and emergency care needs of students with food allergies.

Questions regarding the content of this memorandum may be directed to Whitney Vance in the Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs unit at 517-241-9111 or [vancew@michigan.gov](mailto:vancew@michigan.gov).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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