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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** September 22, 2016

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

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**SUBJECT:** 2016-17 Annual Education Report Update

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) sent a memorandum on June 2, 2016 stating that "full accountability information will resume as part of the Annual Education Report (AER) starting with the 2015-16 data which will not be available until late fall."

A cross-office committee is working to verify the process for compliance with Sections 1111 and 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requiring public report cards (AERs and cover letters). ESSA requirements are being clarified, website information is being updated, and reporting deadlines are being discussed. MDE will communicate clear direction for the revised 2016-17 AERs to all local educational agencies (LEAs) in time for all schools and districts to meet the AER requirements. Districts and schools will not be required to distribute and post AERs for 2016-17 based on 2015-16 data until early winter 2016. No action is needed until MDE sends clear direction.

If you have questions, please contact Mike Radke at [radkem@michigan.gov](mailto:radkem@michigan.gov) or Dave Judd at [juddd@michigan.gov](mailto:juddd@michigan.gov).

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