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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 2, 2016

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
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SUBJECT: 2016-17 Annual Education Report: Delayed until late Fall 2016

Several district and school staff members have asked for clarification about historical reporting responsibilities that were required late in the school year or summer. One of these is related to Annual Education Reports (AERs), i.e., combined reports and cover letters containing assessment and accountability data.

ESEA legislation has been reauthorized with the adoption of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The previous No Child Left Behind Flexibility (NCLB) Waiver expires on July 31, 2016. Directions within Section 1111 still require districts and schools to prepare and communicate AERs in the new law.

New assessment and accountability processes delayed the production of the 2015-16 AERs until spring 2016 with a posting due date of April 22, 2016. Accountability data for the 2014-15 school year did not include school/district proficiency targets or final accountability outcomes due to Michigan's transition to the M-STEP.

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Full accountability information will resume as part of the Annual Education Report starting with the 2015-16 data which will not be available until late fall. Therefore, districts and schools will not be required to distribute AERs for 2016-17 until late fall of 2016.

The MDE will keep district and school staff informed of requirements for fall 2016 annual report cards and will communicate the AER requirements for 2016-17 as soon as the process is clarified and the data becomes available for release.

If you have questions, please contact Mike Radke at radkem@michigan.gov or Dave Judd at judd@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance