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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Venessa Keesler, Ph.D. 
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SUBJECT: Endorsement of the American School Counselor National Model

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has received and approved a request from the Michigan School Counselor Association (MSCA) to endorse the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) National Model: A Framework for School Counseling Programs (2012).

ASCA provides a framework for organizing and delivering K-12 school counseling programs. The ASCA National Model (2012) provides examples of how to gather and use data to demonstrate an impact on demographic factors, student performance, and counseling program outcomes. Research demonstrates the efficacy of comprehensive guidance and counseling programs in promoting student achievement.

The 2005 Michigan Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Program was originally developed by the MSCA in 1992 and received approval from the Michigan State Board of Education (SBE) in 1993. It was updated by the MSCA in 1997 and 2005, and is aligned with ASCA's 2012 National Model. Furthermore, Michigan's current Standards for the Preparation of School Counselors were developed in alignment with the ASCA National Model.

The MDE, through the Michigan Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Program and Standards for the Preparation of School Counselors, thus endorses the ASCA National Model. This model can be accessed at:

<http://www.ascanationalmodel.org/Ascanationalmodel/media/ANM-templates/ANMExecSumm.pdf>

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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