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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 19, 2019

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

FROM: Kyle L. Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent *KG*
Finance and Operations

SUBJECT: Local Policies Addressing the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is required to provide a report to the Legislature (Public Act 207 of 2018 - Section 231 of the MDE Budget) regarding local school districts, Intermediate School Districts (ISD), and Public School Academies (PSA) that adopt a policy addressing the prevention of sexual abuse of children as recommended in the task force report issued under Section 12b of the Child Protection Law (MCL 722.632b). Information about the task force and the report and recommendations can be found [here](#).

A local school district, ISD, or PSA can certify in the Michigan Electronic Grants System Plus (MEGS+) which components their locally-approved board policy contains as outlined in Section 1505 of the Revised School Code (MCL 380.1305). An application, titled "Policy Addressing Sexual Abuse of Children," is currently available in MEGS+ for the reporting of the components and will remain open for submission until October 18, 2019. The local policy addressing the prevention of sexual abuse of children does NOT need to be submitted to MDE.

To comply with the required report to the Legislature, MDE is asking for your assistance in providing this important information.

Questions regarding the content of this memo may be directed to Mary Teachout in the School Health and Safety Unit at the Michigan Department of Education at TeachoutM@michigan.gov or 517-241-7092.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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