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MEMORANDUM

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

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

SUBJECT: Model Anti-Bullying Policy

Section 380.1310b of The Revised School Code requires the board of a school district or intermediate school district, or board of directors of a public-school academy, adopt and implement a policy prohibiting bullying at school. The Matt Epling Safe School Law was signed on January 10, 2015 and went into effect on March 31, 2015. Under this law, districts are required to have anti-bullying policies that include cyberbullying as a form of bullying and identify procedures for notification to parents, as well as procedures for reporting, investigating, and documenting incidents. The full list of required policy components can be found at: <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-380-1310b>.

Over the course of the next few months, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is committed to reviewing and revising as necessary its model anti-bullying policy adopted on November 9, 2010. Changes in state law and new research on prevention in the last decade will inform policy revisions.

In preparing to revise the current model, MDE is providing the opportunity to provide early feedback. If you would like to provide feedback for consideration, you may access the survey link at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Anti-BullyingPolicy>. The current Model Anti-Bullying Policy can be accessed at https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Model_Anti-Bullying_Policy_with_Revisions_338592_7.pdf. For additional tools and resources, please visit <https://www.michigan.gov/safeschools>.

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