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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer

SUBJECT: Draft Standards, Benchmarks, and Grade Level Content
Expectations for Visual Arts, Music, Dance, and Theater Available for
Public Comment

On February 8, 2011, the State Board of Education (SBE) approved the dissemination of the Draft Standards, Benchmarks, and Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCE) for Visual Arts, Music, Dance and Theater for public comment. The Public Survey of Michigan 2011 Draft Standards, Benchmarks, and GLCE for Arts Education will provide an opportunity for educators and the public to review what Michigan students are expected to know and do in the arts; to consider how these expectations align to both 21st Century Skills and to the 2006 Michigan Merit Curriculum Guidelines for the Visual, Performing, and Applied Arts; and, to provide input on the knowledge and skills necessary for Michigan students to participate in a global and creative economy.

Comments and feedback collected through the Public Survey will be used to inform and assist in the preparation of the final drafts of Michigan's Standards, Benchmarks, and GLCE for Visual Arts, Music, Dance, and Theater. The final drafts will be presented to the State Board of Education in April 2011 for approval and adoption.

The Public Survey can be accessed at <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22BHFNUZ8Q4> and will be open for comment through March 4, 2011. Questions should be directed to Abbie Groff at groffa@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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