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TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
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SUBJECT: District Assessment Literacy and Inventory Website

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has created a website in order to support districts with moving forward with their understanding of appropriate assessment use and practice. This site will provide information to support district and school leaders with communicating to stakeholders about the types of assessments and the appropriate use of each type that is given to students. On this site, one will find common definitions for types of assessment, resources that can be used in communication, supports for further learning opportunities and resources, and a District Assessment Inventory.

The District Assessment Inventory is a tool intended to assist districts with understanding the assessments given, the reason for the assessments, and data provided after administering the assessment. Districts may use this tool to help refine district level testing, to fill in gaps where assessment may be needed, and to communicate with stakeholders. The intent of this tool is to help district leaders with developing a balanced assessment system using high quality assessments that show where all students' strengths exist. The inventory is intended for district use and in conjunction with current practices. The tool can be downloaded and edited by district personnel.

You can access the website at www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-28753_65803-362792--,00.html. If you have questions about the tool or navigation on the website, please contact Vic Bugni at bugniv@michigan.gov.

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