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TO: Nonpublic High School Administrators

FROM: James A. Griffiths, Manager, Assessment Administration & Reporting
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SUBJECT: Elimination of MME Auxiliary Test Centers

Due to continued economic strain and low utilization, the Office of Standards & Assessment (OSA) is unable to continue offering Auxiliary Test Centers as an option for nonpublic school students to participate in the Michigan Merit Examination (MME).

However, each nonpublic high school is invited annually to become an established MME test center so that its grade 11 and eligible grade 12 students may participate in the MME. This option is still available and OSA encourages you to take advantage of this opportunity to establish as a 2012 MME test center, whether or not your school has been an established test center in the past. The Michigan Merit Examination is available at no cost to any nonpublic high school opting to establish as a test center. The spring 2012 MME administration dates are March 6, 7, & 8 for initial testing and March 20, 21, & 22 for makeup testing.

The MME includes the ACT Plus Writing[®] (Day 1), three WorkKeys[®] job skills assessments (Day 2), and the Michigan components of mathematics, science, and social studies (Day 3).

Scores from the ACT can be used by students applying for college admission. Scores from the WorkKeys portion of the assessment may qualify students for the National Career Readiness Certificate. The MME content area scores provide a measurement of how students are performing on the Michigan high school content expectations (HSCEs). OSA feels these are important benefits of administering the MME to your students.

Information regarding the establishment process can be found in the Test Center Establishment Packet which will be mailed to high school principals during the week of August 29, 2011. Schools must have completed all steps of the establishment process by October 7, 2011 to administer the spring 2012 MME.

If you do not receive an establishment packet or have questions about the establishment process, contact ACT State Testing at 800-553-6244, ext. 2800. All other questions can be directed to oeaa@michigan.gov or 877-560-8378, option 3.

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