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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *Carol*

SUBJECT: Correction of Bullying Policy Due Date

A Michigan Department of Education (MDE) memo, dated January 26, 2012, contained an incorrect due date of June 6, 2012, for new or updated bullying prevention policies to be submitted to MDE. The correct due date is July 6, 2012.

Matt's Safe School Law (MCL 380.1310b) requires that not later than six months after the effective date of the legislation (December 6, 2011), the board of a local education agency (LEA) or intermediate school district (ISD) or board of directors of a public school academy (PSA) shall adopt and implement a policy prohibiting bullying. This act further requires that not later than 30 days after adopting this policy, the board or board of directors shall submit a copy of its policy to MDE.

If the LEA, ISD, or PSA is adopting an existing policy which contains all of the required components in the law, it was to be submitted in MEGS+ by February 6, 2012. If a new or updated policy will be adopted, it must be submitted in MEGS+ no later than 30 days after adoption, or **July 6, 2012**, whichever is first.

Questions regarding the content of this memo may be directed to Jill Byelich in the Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs Unit at byelichj1@michigan.gov or (517) 373-3623.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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