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MEMORANDUM

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

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

SUBJECT: English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) Online Pilot

The Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) is pleased to announce the online pilot of the Spring 2011 English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) is ready to kickoff on Monday, March 7, 2011. We are pleased to have 28 districts participating as partners in the ELPA online pilot.

The online pilot will run from March 7 - April 15, 2011. Representatives from all pilot sites participated recently in training webcasts to help them prepare for their important role in the pilot.

A successful ELPA online pilot is a critical step toward eventual implementation of online testing in other assessment programs. The data obtained and lessons learned during this pilot will help drive informed decisions as we pursue the path of online assessments statewide.

Information about the ELPA online pilot can be accessed on the ELPA website at www.michigan.gov/elpa. Should you have any additional questions regarding the pilot, please contact Jennifer Paul, ELL Consultant, at 517-355-3967 or paulj@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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