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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 16, 2020

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

**FROM:** Dr. Scott M. Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent  
P-20 System and Student Transitions

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**SUBJECT:** EMC Requirements During COVID-19 Closure

The governor has ordered the closure of all schools in the state as of Monday, March 16, 2020. The expected re-opening date is Monday, April 6, 2020. This includes all Early Middle College (EMC) programs directly run by ISDs and based in local education agencies. Dual enrollment courses held on college campuses are at the discretion of the ISD, local school district and postsecondary provider.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) have been developed and posted to the OCTE website (also attached) to clarify EMC requirements during this unprecedented situation. The FAQs on the OCTE website will be updated as necessary, as the situation evolves.

For questions regarding this memo, please contact Lisa Seigel, Education Consultant at [seigell@michigan.gov](mailto:seigell@michigan.gov).

Attachment

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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Early Middle College (EMC)  
Question and Answers  
COVID-19

This Question and Answer document is specific to the period of time while school districts are closed due to COVID-19.

1. Are Early Middle College students permitted to participate in dual enrollment courses?

Districts will need to evaluate their situation as it relates to the governor's Executive Order [EO 2020-05](#) effective March 16, 2020. If the postsecondary course was offered at a K-12 building, then item #2 from the Executive Order would require the program to close or be offered at a different location. If the class has more than 250 students at a postsecondary site, then it would be in violation of item #1 in the Executive Order and could not be held.

2. Are districts permitted to carry over Section 61b funds?

Yes.

3. Are EMC students permitted to participate in work-based learning?

See MDE CTE Question and Answer document posted to the MDE website on March 16.