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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 25, 2020

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

FROM: Michael F. Rice, Ph.D., State Superintendent 

SUBJECT: Executive Order 2020-185 – MEMO #COVID-19-114

Governor Gretchen Whitmer this afternoon signed Executive Order [2020-185](#) that requires all Michigan students in grades kindergarten and up to wear protective face masks when in classrooms of schools in Phase 4 of the MI Safe Start Plan. The executive order is effective on October 5, 2020.

The executive order also reads: "School districts and nonpublic schools must publish information about any cases of a probable or confirmed COVID-19 positive individual present on school property or at a school function during the period of infection, in the manner prescribed by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). MDHHS is authorized to issue orders and directives to implement this section."

We will forward that guidance from MDHHS when it is available.

Thank you for your attention to this important communication.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors

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