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**MEMORANDUM**

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

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*  
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SUBJECT: Change of Submission Date for Michigan's Waiver Request for ESEA  
Flexibility

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) received communication from the United States Department of Education (USED) last week that the deadline for submission of the Request for ESEA Flexibility has been extended from February 21, 2012 to February 28, 2012. The extension is meant to give states intending to apply by the February deadline additional time to review minor changes made to the waiver application by USED as well as the approved ESEA Flexibility Requests announced by USED last week.

The MDE is currently working to review and revise its Request based on feedback received through public comment and will use the additional week granted by USED to look critically at approved Requests in order to further refine its Request. The MDE will submit its Request for ESEA Flexibility to USED on or before the new deadline of February 28, 2012.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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