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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent *V. Keesler*
Division of Educator, Student, and School Support

SUBJECT: MiRead: Michigan's Early Literacy Portal Going Live – Summer 2019

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to support the launch of the MiRead application. This tool supports the Read by Grade 3 (RBG3) law and the Individual Reading Instruction Plan (IRIP) process. MiRead supports the work of the Literacy Essentials by providing a clear and compelling view and a focus on Tier-I, ensuring that every student has access to high-quality literacy instruction every day. The MDE's commitment to work collaboratively to support literacy efforts at the local, regional, and statewide levels meets our Literacy Priority and Top 10 in 10 Goals 2, 5, and 7. The MiRead application is powered by MiStrategyBank, when intervention is needed for focus on best practices and is enabled by MiDataHub to make data into information you can use.

The MiRead application is built by educators for educators, therefore it is designed to make the IRIP process fast and easy and allows teachers to focus more time and energy on teaching and learning. Districts that meet participation requirements are eligible to purchase and implement MiRead for use in the Fall of 2019.

District Participation Requirements

- Use of one or more of the following MDE-approved and data hub connected early literacy assessment system(s):
 - Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Measure of Academic Progress (MAP)
 - Acadience Reading Online [formerly Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) Next]
 - AimsWebPlus
 - Star Reading
- Participation in and connection of district Student Information System (SIS) to MiDataHub

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- Acceptance of use agreements for MiRead, MiStrategyBank, and MiDataExchange, including the permanent sharing of data with MiRead to support transient students

District Responsibilities

- Maintenance of accurate MiDataHub Integrations
- Use of the MiStrategyBank Application
- Configuration and maintenance of MiStrategyBank
- Work with local intermediate school districts (ISDs) for training and support in the effective use of MiRead
- Maintain open lines of communication with MiDataHub, MiRead, and MiStrategyBank developers and support team

The MiRead application cost structure options are as follows:

- Local District Purchase: \$1.00 per-pupil (based on fall 2018 K-12 student count)
- ISD Payment on Behalf of some local districts: \$.75 per-pupil (based on fall 2018 K-12 student count)
- ISD-Wide Payment for all local education agencies (LEAs) & public school academies (PSAs): \$.50 per-pupil (based on fall 2018 K-12 student count)
 - ISD is acting as a purchasing agent and may bill local districts back for some or all of the cost based on local agreements
 - ISD facilitated purchases include expectation that the ISD will serve in a support and consulting role on technology, data, and curriculum support of MiRead

The MDE has confirmed that district licensing fees for MiRead are an appropriate expenditure for At-Risk (31a) and/or Title I funding, for districts that identify literacy as an area of need and MiRead as a tool to meet that need.

For more information contact the Michigan Collaboration Hub, Taylor Hoag, thoag@gomasa.org or by phone at 517-816-4533.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance