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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Mike Flanagan,  Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: 2007 High School *EduGuides*

To provide you with a valuable vehicle to inform students and parents about the new Michigan Merit Curriculum high school graduation requirements, the Michigan Department of Education in collaboration with the Partnership for Learning have produced a new 2007 High School *EduGuide*. This national award-winning publication provides information about: Michigan's new high school graduation requirements; how best to fulfill the state's new online learning requirement; the Michigan Merit Exam and ACT test; and, much more.

You soon should receive your free copies of this national award-winning publication. Here are some ways you can use the *EduGuide* in your schools or organizations:

1. Forward copies to schools for every new high school family.
2. The guides can be mailed, sent home with students, or distributed at school.
3. Encourage teachers to use the guides in talks with parents.
4. Distribute the guides at PTO meetings.

To assist us in continuing to meet your needs and to ensure you continue to receive next year's *EduGuide*, please remember to complete the brief survey included with your shipment.

About *EduGuides*

Each year, four *EduGuide* editions are developed for parents of children making transitions into elementary, middle and high school. In 2006, the Partnership for Learning also introduced a College *EduGuide*. **All *EduGuides* are free.** Distribution schedule is:

- October: Elementary School *EduGuide*, free to kindergarten families.
- March: High School *EduGuide*, free to new freshmen families, timed for spring orientation sessions.
- April: Middle School *EduGuide*, free to new sixth-grade families, also timed for spring orientation sessions.
- August: College *EduGuide*, free to all freshmen, timed for fall orientation.

To add to or change your *EduGuide* shipment, email Jan@PartnershipforLearning.org with your name, title, school district and shipment requests. You may also call with other comments at 1-800-832-2464.

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