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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 2, 2019

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

FROM: Kyle L. Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent *KG*
Finance and Operations

SUBJECT: Michigan Graduated Driver Licensing Parent Checklist (SOS-380)

The Michigan Department of State is requesting that Michigan schools assist in distributing the Michigan Graduated Driver Licensing Parent Checklist as a free resource intended to assist parents or legal guardians of teens with understanding and following the steps of Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL).

Some suggestions include:

- Distribute printed copies at meetings already being held with parents/legal guardians such as 8th grade/freshmen orientations, conferences, parent nights and award ceremonies
- Distribute printed copies in mailings of other items already being sent out to parents/legal guardians
- Send an electronic message to parents/legal guardians
- Include a link on school district website

To order copies of the checklist, visit Michigan.gov/SOS/ParentChecklistOrderForm. This aligns with Goal 4 of MDE's Top 10 in 10 plans by addressing the safety of the student while driving. Goal 5 is incorporating Family Engagement in the driver's education process and ensuring parents know what their students need, and what is involved in the process of students getting their driver's license.

Questions may be directed to Bobby Gwizdz at gwizdzr@michigan.gov or 517-335-3162. The Michigan Department of State would appreciate hearing about your efforts to assist them in distributing this important information.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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