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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 30, 2021

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

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

SUBJECT: High School & Beyond Longitudinal Study of 2022

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) supports the *High School and Beyond 2022* (HS&B:22) study, conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) within the U.S. Department of Education. This study complements Michigan's Top 10 Strategic Education Plan by expanding secondary learning opportunities for all students, increasing the percentage of all students who graduate from high school, and increasing the percentage of adults with a post-secondary credential.

The data your school, students, staff, and parents provide will help policymakers and educators understand the factors associated with successful transitions to high school and allow for examination of trends over time. These data are critical for making decisions related to policy and practice. Collection of these data is not possible without the participation of selected school districts and schools. By participating in the study, you are providing much needed information to help understand what factors propel some students to successful completion of high school and entry into work or postsecondary education as well as identifying key risk factors during this critical stage of education.

We encourage your participation in HS&B:22. We are confident that schools in our state understand the importance of this national study and will accept the invitation to participate if selected.

If you have any questions, please call the HS&B:22 information number (855) 500-1439, or send an email to HSB22@rti.org. You may also contact Elise Christopher at NCES at (202) 245-7098 for more information. Thank you for dedication to education research and your help in making HS&B:22 a success.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors

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