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**MEMORANDUM**

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

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**SUBJECT:** Michigan Department of Education Information Technology System  
Changes for the 2020-21 School Year

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is implementing previously planned crucial system updates and improvements to some of the existing information technology (IT) systems that support the department's business functions for local districts throughout the 2020-21 school year.

Notable updates include:

**MIND 2.0**

MDE's Office of Health and Nutrition Services (OHNS) is excited to announce the launch of MIND 2.0, a state-of-the-art upgraded version of the current Michigan Nutrition Data System (MIND) that supports claims and reimbursement of Child Nutrition Programs (CNP). Starting in December 2020, and continuing throughout the school year, programs will be phased into MIND 2.0. Improvements that CNP partners can expect from the new system include streamlined meal counting, seamless data transmission, an efficient claim reimbursement process, and improved reporting.

**NexSys**

In February 2021, NexSys will replace the Michigan Electronic Grants System Plus (MEGS Plus) and the Cash Management System (CMS). The transition from MEGS Plus to NexSys will last approximately one year with MEGS Plus being retired the first quarter of 2022. NexSys will allow users to maintain grant applications and submit for award reimbursement in a single application.

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**MiLogin**

MDE is migrating its systems to use MiLogin, the State of Michigan's single sign-on solution, for user authentication. The migration will occur over several years, beginning with the Taxable Value System (TVS) in fall 2020. MiLogin is used by over 270 applications across all departments in state government. Additional systems that will transition to MiLogin during the 2020-21 school year are: GEMS/MARS, MEGS Plus, NexSys, MIND, and MIND 2.0.

In preparation for these changes, please ensure that staff in your organizations who will access these systems follow the steps outlined in the resources found [here](#).

For questions regarding this memo or the transitions, please contact Drew Finkbeiner at [finkbeinerd@michigan.gov](mailto:finkbeinerd@michigan.gov).

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