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**MEMORANDUM**

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

FROM: Kyle L. Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent *KG*

SUBJECT: Change in Administrative Rules for Michigan School and Licensed Childcare Immunizations

In collaboration with the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) announces important information regarding changes to school immunization reporting requirements.

On December 11, 2014, the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) approved changes to the administrative rules (Communicable and Related Disease) related to immunization reporting for schools and childcare centers. These rules went into effect on January 1, 2015.

In brief, the rules:

- Amend the rule set to reflect the change made in 2012 to the Public Health Code. This changed the reporting requirement of school immunizations from 6<sup>th</sup> grade to 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Require education for the parent/guardian at the time a nonmedical waiver is signed and the waiver is certified by the local health department.
- Require the use of the State of Michigan Immunization Waiver Form when a waiver is signed.

The new rules allow the parent/guardian the opportunity to have their concerns and questions about immunizations addressed. Further clarification and information can be found at the following link under the heading "Local Health Departments":

[http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2942\\_4911\\_4914---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2942_4911_4914---,00.html)

Questions may be directed to your local health department.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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