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**MEMORANDUM**

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

FROM: Joseph Martineau, Ph.D. *JM*  
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SUBJECT: Fall 2014 Interim Assessment Field Test

The final opportunity to register your school to participate in the Fall 2014 Interim Assessment Field Test will be Friday, September 26. If your school has not yet registered, please do so now and your school district will be eligible to receive incentive funds of \$3.00 for each student test completed. This information has been communicated since the week of September 8, via the TRIG Newsletter and DAS E-Blast.

<i>Fall 2014 Interim Assessment Field Test Opportunities</i>	
<p><b>September 15 - October 17, 2014</b> Traditional laptops and desktops <a href="#">Register Now!</a></p>	<p><b>October 20 - November 14, 2014</b> iPads and Chromebooks (Registration information to be announced in the coming days)</p>

This incentive has been made available through the Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG), furthering the TRIG goal to support and build state capacity in technology.

**Why Participate** (besides the financial incentive)?

- The Fall 2014 Field Test provides an opportunity for schools to test bandwidth capacity, student scheduling, and other logistics prior to the state summative assessment to be administered in spring 2015.

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- Students will have the benefit of taking online assessment in a low-stakes setting and practice using common online assessment tools (calculators, highlighters, etc.).
- Teachers will receive an invitation to provide feedback and recommendations for improving the testing process.

Each content or subject area test consists of two parts, and both parts of the test must be completed by the student to receive the participation incentive. For example, a student who completes both parts of each assessment in ELA and Mathematics will earn the school district a participation incentive of \$6.00.

The Michigan Interim Assessments...

- are only available online.
- are aligned to Michigan's education standards and assesses students currently enrolled in the subjects selected.
- may be administered any time within the test window.

For more information or to register your school(s) to participate in the Fall 2014 Interim Assessment Field Test, please complete the registration survey for each school at <https://baameap.wufoo.com/forms/fall14-interim-assessment-field-test-registration/>.

If you have already completed the registration survey, you do not have to complete it again to qualify for the TRIG participation incentive.

More information about the Michigan Interim Assessments may be found at: <http://www.michigan.gov/interimassessments>.

### **Have Other Questions?**

For assessment questions, please email [BAA@michigan.gov](mailto:BAA@michigan.gov).  
For accountability questions, please email [MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov).  
For phone assistance with assessment or accountability issues, call [877-560-8378](tel:877-560-8378)

cc: Michigan Education Alliance