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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *Carol*

SUBJECT: School Wellness Award

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) has launched a program encouraging Michigan schools to promote physical activity, healthy eating, and a tobacco-free lifestyle to students and staff. As part of the Michigan Health and Wellness 4 x 4 Initiative, the Michigan School Wellness Award recognizes and applauds schools working to create healthier school environments. Through this program, schools statewide are encouraged to create healthy school environments by establishing Coordinated School Health Teams, completing the Healthy School Action Tools (HSAT), and implementing sustainable policy and environmental changes. The School Wellness Award will recognize schools committed to increasing student achievement with a healthier school community.

Award winning schools will be recognized during a luncheon ceremony on May 6, 2014, at the Michigan Learning Connection Summit at Ford Field in Detroit. The event is sponsored by the United Dairy Industry of Michigan. Award winning schools will also receive a display item to acknowledge their accomplishment.

The MDCH, in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Education, United Dairy Industry of Michigan, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, and the Michigan Health and Wellness Education Workgroup, invite schools to apply for the award by April 7, 2014. The online application can be found at www.mihealthtools.org/greatschools, along with additional information about the award and creating healthy school environments.

Questions may be directed to Karen Krabill Yoder at MDCH at yoderk@michigan.gov or (517) 335-8908.

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