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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 1, 2018

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

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

SUBJECT: PA 137 of 2017 Amends Michigan's Sports Concussion Laws

Michigan's law regulating sports concussions and return to athletic activity went into effect June 30, 2013 and was amended in October 2017 via Public Act 137 of 2017. The change to Michigan's Sports Concussion Law requires all coaches, employees, volunteers, and other adults involved with youth athletics to complete an online training program every three years.

In addition, the organizing entity must provide educational materials on the signs/symptoms and consequences of concussions to every youth athlete and their parents/guardians and obtain a signed statement acknowledging receipt of the information. It also amends the definition of "youth athlete" to exclude a 17-year-old who is enrolled solely in a college, university, or other institution of higher education.

The law also requires immediate removal of an athlete from physical participation in an athletic activity who is suspected of sustaining a concussion. The student athlete must then receive written clearance from a health professional before he or she can return to physical activity.

Resources for coaches, parents, and athletes can be found at www.michigan.gov/sportsconcussion.

Questions may be directed to Laura Rowen, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, at 517-335-9519 or RowenL@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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