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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Mike Flanagan 
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SUBJECT: Michigan Tools for Healthy Schools

The Michigan Departments of Education and Community Health have developed several needs assessment and action planning tools to guide local-level decision making involving healthy schools initiatives. Research demonstrates the significant impact of student health on strong academic achievement.

The "Michigan Tools for Healthy Schools" fact sheet contains information on the Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth, the Student Health Survey, and the Healthy School Action Tools. The fact sheet is located online at <http://www.michigan.gov/cshsp> under "What's New." Each of the tools is available online and free of charge to local schools.

Each of the tools is designed to provide buildings and districts with data to drive decision making to improve the school environment, improve student health behaviors, and positively impact student achievement. Title IV Safe and Drug Free Schools funding can be used to support a Coordinated School Health Team in completing the needs assessment and action plan in the Healthy School Action Tools.

For further information about the Michigan Tools for Healthy Schools, please contact Kyle Guerrant by phone at 517-241-4284 or by email at guerrantk@michigan.gov. We hope you find these local-level needs assessment tools helpful.

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