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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
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FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
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SUBJECT: Change to Michigan Merit Examination Testing Schedule

The Michigan Department of Education announces today a change in the Michigan Merit Examination (MME) testing schedule for Spring 2011 to give you time to adjust your calendars. Spring 2011 MME testing will occur one week earlier than originally announced.

Spring 2011 initial test dates will be March 1-3, with make-up testing March 15-17. A revised schedule can be found on the MME web page www.michigan.gov/mme. MME testing dates for Spring 2010 remain unchanged.

We believe this change will help schools avoid the effects of having students take the MME so soon after the change to Daylight Savings Time and will allow MME test results to be available one week earlier. As you know, the MME consists largely of components designed and administered by ACT, Inc. We appreciate the new flexibility ACT has shown in allowing the MME to be administered a week earlier.

In addition, in response to frequent questions about how MME testing dates are established, the MME website contains a document that explains this methodology.

If you have questions regarding the MME testing schedule, please contact the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability via email at oeaa@mi.gov or by calling 877-560-8378.

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