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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** October 6, 2016

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

**FROM:** Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent *V. Keesler*  
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

**SUBJECT:** 2016-17 School Year MTRAx Data Collection

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE), through the Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG), is pleased to announce that the 2016-17 MTRAx data collection window is **October 6 through December 16, 2016**.

While participation in the data collection is voluntary, the MDE will use information gathered to inform its plan for the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and future initiatives. MTRAx data are an efficacy indicator for the Top 10 in 10, allowing the MDE to identify schools that are technologically equipped to support instruction and assessment. To that end, the MDE encourages districts to, in addition to testing devices, include in MTRAx data other classroom and instructional devices not used for testing, which have not been traditionally reported in prior year MTRAx data collection.

MTRAx can be of great use in technology planning, as a component of the school and district improvement plans in ASSIST. Districts may use these data to support requests for grant funding, technology bonds, and millages, prepare for the M-STEP and local assessments, and determine whether the district has the infrastructure in place to support 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching and learning. Additionally, the 2016-17 MTRAx data will provide a cumulative record for TRIG's final legislative report.

We thank you for your participation in this year's MTRAx data collection. Please submit your district's data at [www.mtrax.org](http://www.mtrax.org) by December 16, 2016. For questions or support, contact [mtraxsupport@22itrig.org](mailto:mtraxsupport@22itrig.org).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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