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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *Carol*

SUBJECT: Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth Survey

The Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth (MiPHY) 2012 survey cycle is now open and will continue through May 31, 2012. The Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth is an online student survey available every other year to all Michigan schools with grades 7, 9, and 11. The MiPHY provides student health behavior, risk, and protective factor data for school-based, data-driven decision-making.

Districts can register on the system at any time during the open cycle at www.michigan.gov/miphyadmin. The survey system and reports, developed by the Michigan Departments of Education (MDE) and Community Health (MDCH), are provided at no cost to schools. Online reports accessed through the MiPHY administration website inform local efforts to reduce drug use, violence, and related problem behaviors as well as promote healthy youth development.

The MiPHY:

- is endorsed by MDE and MDCH as the recommended survey for local assessment of student risk behaviors.
- reduces the burden of conducting multiple student surveys. The MiPHY measures all key student health behaviors, beliefs, and attitudes.
- is free of charge to districts. The no-cost survey system and reports allow more Title IV funds for direct services.
- is private. Student privacy is maintained through confidential, anonymous, and voluntary participation.

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- is designed for local use and local-level decision-making. Reports are intended for use by districts and their community partners, with electronic access limited to personnel approved by the district superintendent or public school academy director.
- generates reports quickly. Buildings and districts can access results two to four business days after closing the survey, allowing time to identify needs and plan for adjustments in services.
- will provide trend reports from year-to-year and comparisons to the Michigan Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS).

For more information about the MiPHY, please visit www.michigan.gov/miphy or contact Nicole Kramer, Project Specialist, at kramern@michigan.gov or 517-373-4354.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance