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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors
Local Education Agency Principals
Nonpublic School Administrators

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

SUBJECT: New Assessment Selection Online Training and Interactive Tool

The Michigan Department of Education has made available two online resources aimed at helping school/district personnel, parents, and the public understand the state guidelines for selecting the proper state assessment for a student. These resources contribute to and support Michigan's Top 10 in 10 Goals for Goal 3: Strategy 3.2: Coherent, state- and district-provided professional development jointly developed with educators.

The [Assessment Selection Guidelines Training](#) helps individuals understand the differences between the general state summative assessments and the state summative alternate assessment, MI-Access. This training program walks participants through each of the steps to determine which assessment a student should take, and applies the logic to six different practice scenarios, or case studies. The training may be done individually or as a group and has a downloadable/printable certificate option.

The Individualized Education Program (IEP) [Interactive Decision-Making Tool](#) is an optional interactive tool that teams can use when discussing the most appropriate assessment for an individual. This interactive tool asks each question from the assessment selection document [Should My Student Take the Alternate Assessment?](#). Depending on the answer to the question, the tool progresses to additional questions or to a conclusion based on state guidelines.

These interactive online tools are available on the MI-Access web page (www.michigan.gov/mi-access) and are available for immediate use. If you have question about either of these training resources, contact John Jaquith, Assessment Consultant for Students with Disabilities, at JaquithJ@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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