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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents, Public School Academy Directors, and Career and Technical Education Administrators

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*  
Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer

SUBJECT: Career Planning Information

Students need help in planning for a career. Not only knowing the courses they need that will help them, but also what careers align with their unique strengths, talents, interests, aspirations, and values. We have a vision that all students will achieve challenging academic and technical standards and be prepared for high-skill, high-wage, or high-demand occupations in current or emerging professions in the 21<sup>st</sup> century global economy.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to provide posters which show the English, Math, Science, and Social Studies skills required for various jobs within 16 career clusters and the *How Do Our Children Choose Careers* brochure. The brochure recommends specific steps that can be taken by parents, as well as educators, to help our children get an early start on career planning. There are steps that employers can take, too, to invest in their future workforce. Working together, we can build the framework essential to our children's success in careers of their choice.

Please feel free to download, copy and distribute these documents as you deem appropriate. They are available on the MDE website:  
<http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-5233---,00.html>. Please contact Patty Cantú, Office of Career and Technical Education at (517) 335-5224, if you have any questions.

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