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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors and Authorizers
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FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
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SUBJECT: One-Year Delay of Implementation of the Michigan School Accreditation System (MI-SAS)

It had been anticipated that the new Michigan School Accreditation System (MI-SAS) would have final legislative approval in time to implement MI-SAS for the 2009-2010 school year. However, because of the focus the House and Senate have had to put toward resolving Michigan's budget, approval has not yet been received.

Because significant lead time is required for defining and building the new system before it can be implemented, it is now too late to have the development complete in time for the 2009-2010 school year.

Therefore, we will continue to pursue legislative approval in order to implement MI-SAS for the first time in the 2010-2011 school year. In the interim, the existing school accreditation system (*Education YES!*) will be continued for the 2009-2010 school year. The school self-reports will continue to be completed as they were last year. An announcement will soon be coming of the opening of the website for completing the school self-reports.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability at oeaa@michigan.gov.

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