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**SUBJ: Reporting on the School Improvement Framework
(School Performance Indicators)**

Last month you received a letter from Mike Flanagan and Mike Bugenski of the North Central Association announcing an exciting new partnership between the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), the North Central Association – Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA-CASI), and AdvancED, the parent organization of NCA.

Through AdvancED, a new website is being developed for schools as well as local and intermediate school districts. Through the site, all schools will be able to report on their *Education YES!* School Performance Indicators, complete the Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) if applicable, and complete reports such as the Standards Assessment Report (SAR) for NCA-CASI. The website is designed to reduce duplication of paperwork and reports. This website was described at the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability conferences this fall and at the School Improvement Conference in November.

We are doing some additional testing of the website and plan to launch the site January 14, 2008. Superintendents and principals will receive notification by email with instructions and access codes prior to the launch date. In the meantime, district users may preview the site at www.advanc-ed.org/mde and take a look at the resources available under the "Training" tab on the left navigation menu. There are also continuous school improvement tools available for district and school use at www.michigan.gov/schoolimprovement.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Kent in the Office of School Improvement at KentL2@michigan.gov.

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