

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Michigan Department of Education, Office of Education Improvement and Innovation, will conduct two public hearings to receive public comments on the following standards:

Michigan School Accreditation Standards (MI-SAS)

The standards were distributed to all public schools in draft form for comment on February 4, 2009 and input was gathered via a web-based survey between February 5 and March 6, 2009, as well as through conference presentations. The standards were revised as a result of more than 400 comments received during public input and were approved by the State Board of Education on June 9, 2009. Standards were developed by the Michigan Department of Education in collaboration with local school districts, intermediate school districts, and education association representatives, and are being offered at public hearings as described in MCL 380.1280.

The Michigan School Accreditation Standards (MI-SAS) are available for review on the internet at:

http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-22709_52634---,00.html

MI-SAS will be presented to the Michigan House and Senate Education Committees to take effect the first whole school year following adoption.

Public hearings will be held at the following dates, times, and locations:

October 27, 2009 9:00-11:00 a.m. Library of Michigan – Forum 717 West Allegan Street Lansing, MI 48909	October 27, 2009 2:00-4:00 Livingston Education Services Agency Piaget Conference Room 1425 West Grand River Howell, MI 48843
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Oral or written comments may be presented in person at a hearing or submitted in writing by mail or facsimile no later than 5:00 p.m., October 27, 2009. All comments will be reviewed and considered. Comments may be submitted to the following:

Public Comment
Office of Education Improvement and Innovation
Michigan Department of Education
P.O. Box 30008
Lansing, MI 48909
Fax: 517-241-2540

If special accommodations are needed to participate in a public hearing, contact Vonda Combs at 517-241-4285 or email at combsv@michigan.gov by October 20, 2009.