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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
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SUBJECT: Public Comment and Surveys of Next Generation Science Standards in Michigan

About a year and a half ago, the Michigan Department of Education became a Lead State Partner in the development of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Local educators and a wide variety of educational organizations have been a part of the discussions to determine what the new standards should look like. There have been two public comment periods and revisions have been made to the draft standards based on the input from the public comment. On April 9, 2013, the State Board of Education approved a period of public comment before considering adoption of the NGSS. The public comment period will begin today and last through May 8, 2013. Following this period, we will gather the results to determine if any revisions should be considered before requesting State Board of Education adoption of the NGSS.

Public comment is sought through two online surveys – one to address the standards, and the other to address statewide needs and current course information that will aid in the rollout and implementation phases. We appreciate responses to both surveys. Please help us by reaching out appropriate staff for their individual input. See the links below for the surveys:

NGSS Public Comment Survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1nERCE8_XMZMXLESWxhpoI8Er3n5kYUkme8O8u8z8HO0/viewform

NGSS Implementation Needs and Awareness Survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/10LtBhTwR_Mr7Lit4m67IXP8OYJQba2B5DocDs76H8M8/viewform

The newly published NGSS are available at www.nextgenscience.org.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have questions regarding the NGSS, please contact Gregg Dionne at (517) 241-4285 or dionneg@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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