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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
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SUBJECT: Migrant Student Information Exchange (MSIX), Migrant
Education Data System (MEDS), and Michigan Student Data
System (MSDS) Interaction

The U.S. Department of Education has created a national data system (MSIX) to help states place migrant students into their correct grade and classes within your school system. To achieve this goal, Michigan worked diligently to get the educational systems to talk to each other. Thanks to the staff in Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI), the new MSDS will now talk with the state migrant data system (MEDS) to collect information for individual students on their curriculum, grades, credit hours, and assessment scores.

As the U.S. Department of Education has put a time constraint on when the data has to be uploaded to MSIX, MSDS will have a to-do list that will pop up using data from MEDS to inform the data entry person that there are components of the student's record that must be entered within ten (10) days of the to-do list date. This data will then be transferred to MSIX through MEDS on a nightly basis.

We are requesting that all data entry personnel be made aware of this information so as to keep Michigan in compliance with the federal requirements for MSIX. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Evelyn Sitterson at sittersone@michigan.gov or at 517-335-0352.

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