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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents, Public School Academy and Nonpublic School Administrators, Teacher Preparation Institution and College Deans and Directors, School Counselor Educator Discussion Group, Special Education Advisory Committee, and Other Educational Association Executives

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
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SUBJECT: Field Review of the Draft Standards for the Preparation of School Counselors

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to notify you of the development of the Proposed Standards for the Preparation of School Counselors.

The MDE currently approves institutions to prepare individuals to become School Counselors based on the institutions aligning their programs to the model of the American School Counselor Association and the Michigan Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling framework. School counseling professionals and K-12 school districts voiced concerns that Michigan needs better assurance that institutions are preparing counselors to address all the needs of students. The Proposed Standards for the Preparation of School Counselors represent a thorough consideration of input from a committee of experts in guidance and counseling. The committee designed the standards in alignment with the Administrative Rules that Govern School Counselors, the Michigan School Code, and the Association of Michigan School Counselors.

The DRAFT for these standards are ready for field review. Your comments and recommendations regarding the proposed standards would be greatly appreciated. Electronic copies of the draft proposals and the response forms are available on the MDE website at:

http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530_5683_6368---,00.html

Please share this information with all appropriate educators, and return the completed response form by **May 3, 2010**, by fax (517) 373-0542 or email nicolc@michigan.gov. Should you have questions regarding the proposed standards, please contact Beatrice M. Harrison, Higher Education Consultant, at 517/241-0046 or HarrisonB@michigan.gov.

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