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TO: ISD and LEA Superintendents and PSA Administrators

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SUBJECT: Local Education Agency Determinations
Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), at 20 U.S.C. §1416 et seq., each state is required to establish a process of determining the implementation status of each local education agency that serves students with disabilities on measures of special education compliance and performance. This process is directed by the United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and mirrors requirements embedded in the IDEA for State Determinations made by OSEP.

Using data from 2005-06, Determinations will be made for each local education agency in Michigan that served students with disabilities. The process, as developed by the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services (OSE/EIS), will be reviewed by a variety of stakeholder groups prior to final implementation.

Each local education agency in the state will receive notice of its status. The following Determinations will be made:

- Meets the requirements and purposes of Part B of IDEA;
- Needs assistance in implementing the requirements of Part B of the Act;
- Needs intervention in implementing the requirements of Part B of the Act; and
- Needs substantial intervention in implementing the requirements of Part B of the Act.

The OSE/EIS will notify each local education agency of its Determination later this fall. Notification will consist of a letter to the Superintendent containing the Determination decision and providing a link to a secured website where the district's data may be reviewed. If local education agencies do not agree with the Determination decision, they will have an opportunity to submit a disagreement statement to OSE/EIS.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Teresita Long, Monitoring Coordinator, at (517) 335-6485 or longt1@michigan.gov.

cc: Special Education Directors of ISDs, LEAs, and PSAs

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