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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 28, 2019

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors
Local Education Agency Principals

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent 
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

SUBJECT: MCL: 380.1280f Read by Grade Three Parent Awareness Toolkit

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) consultants from the Office of Partnership Districts and the Office of Educational Supports have created the MDE Read by Grade Three Parent Awareness Toolkit to be used by districts and parents to better understand components of the law, while also providing resources for districts to perform subsequent trainings with their community of parents and stakeholders.

The [MDE Read by Grade Three Parent Awareness Toolkit](#) includes:

- Read by Grade Three PowerPoint with Trainer Notes
- Facts for Families: What is the Read by Grade Three Law? (English and Spanish)
- Essentials for Families: Fridge Poster (English and Spanish)
- Early Literacy Bookmarks
- Michigan eLibrary Resources Supporting Early Literacy

In alignment with [Goal 2 of the Top 10 in 10 Years State Strategic Plan](#), the MDE has been working diligently to provide guidance to local education agencies around the requirements of MCL: 380.1280f (Read by Grade Three Law).

For additional information on the Read by Grade Three Law. Please access the updated Read by Three Law Guide at https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Read_Grade_3_Guide_638247_7.pdf.

Thank you for all you do to support the parents/guardians in your district/academy.

Please direct questions to MDE-EarlyLiteracy@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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