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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 11, 2019

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

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

SUBJECT: Public Comment on the Proposed Standards for the Preparation and Practice of School Social Workers

The Michigan Department of Education, Office of Educator Excellence, is requesting public comment on the proposed Michigan Standards for the Preparation and Practice of School Social Workers to guide preparation of candidates seeking certification in this field. These standards support Michigan's Top 10 in 10 Strategic Goal to "develop, support, and sustain a high-quality, prepared, and collaborative education workforce" and the Michigan Department of Education's Whole Child priority. The proposed Michigan Standards for the Preparation of Teachers of Lower Elementary (PK-3) and Upper Elementary (3-6) Education can be viewed [here](#).

All feedback must be submitted by 11:59 p.m., September 15, 2019, online at:
[School Social Worker Public Comment Survey](#)

Comments will be reviewed and considered in the final recommendation to the State Board of Education. For additional information, please contact Sungti Hsu at HsuS@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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