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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 5, 2020

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

FROM: Dr. Scott M. Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent
P-20 System and Student Transitions 

SUBJECT: Seclusion and Restraint Data Reporting and Analysis Requirements

State law ([MCL 380.1307f](#)) requires that seclusion and restraint for all students must be reported in the Michigan student data system (MSDS) this year, regardless of the mode of instruction being provided to students during a pandemic.

The [seclusion and restraint component](#) in MSDS is used to collect data related to the use of emergency restraint and seclusion in a school district, public school academy (PSA) or intermediate school district (ISD) program. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) will make available redacted, aggregate data on the reported use of seclusion and restraint, compiled by school districts, PSAs, and ISDs. You may find this information at www.mischooldata.org at the [MSDS Historical District School Information](#).

Districts are required to use proactive, effective, evidence- and research-based strategies to reduce the occurrence of challenging behaviors; to eliminate the use of seclusion and restraint, except in the case of emergencies noted in the law; and to increase meaningful instructional time for all pupils. [Michigan's MTSS Technical Assistance Center](#) (MiMTSS) is a free support to districts and partners to implement and sustain school-wide behavior and reading systems of support through intensive training and technical assistance.

For more information regarding seclusion and restraint, please refer to the [Emergency Seclusion and Restraint Frequency Asked Questions](#) and [Policy for the Emergency Use of Seclusion and Restraint](#).

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Questions pertaining to seclusion and restraint data reporting can be directed to the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) customer support at CEPI@michigan.gov or call 517-335-0505, ext. 3. Questions pertaining to general data submission should be directed to David Judd at juddd@michigan.gov or call 517-241-7162. Please direct questions pertaining to MiMTSS to Dr. Steve Goodman at sgoodman@mimtss.org or call 877-702-8600, ext. 4027.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
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