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MEMORANDUM

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

- FROM: Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent, MM-P-20 System and Student Transitions
- **SUBJECT:** Seclusion and Restraint Data Reporting and Analysis Requirements

Districts are reminded of the data reporting and analysis requirements for seclusion and restraint per <u>MCL 380. 1307f</u>. Seclusion and restraint for all students must be reported in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS).

<u>The Seclusion and Restraint Component in MSDS</u> is used to collect data related to the use of emergency restraint and seclusion in a school district, public school academy or intermediate school district program. The department will make available redacted, aggregate data on the reported use of seclusion and restraint, compiled by school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts. You may find this information at <u>www.mischooldata.org</u> at the following link: <u>https://www.mischooldata.org/Other2/DataFiles/DistrictSchoolInformation/HistoricalDistrictSchoolSummary.aspx</u>

Districts are required to use proactive, effective, evidence- and research-based strategies to reduce the occurrence of challenging behaviors, eliminate the use of seclusion and restraint, except in the case of emergencies noted in the law, and increase meaningful instructional time for all pupils. <u>Michigan's Integrated Behavior</u> and Learning Support Initiative (MIBLSI) 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 seclusion and restraint, please refer to the <u>Emergency</u> <u>Seclusion and Restraint Frequency Asked Questions</u> and <u>Policy for the Emergency Use</u> <u>of Seclusion and Restraint</u>.

This information is in direct support of Michigan's Top 10 in 10 Strategic Plan, Goal 7: further develop an innovative and cohesive state education agency that supports an aligned coherent education system at all levels.

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Questions pertaining to seclusion and restraint data reporting can be directed to Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) customer support at <u>CEPI@michigan.gov</u> or call 517-335-0505 ext. 3. Questions pertaining to Michigan's Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative (MIBLSI) can be directed to Dr. Steve Goodman at <u>sqoodman@miblsimtss.org</u> 877-702-8600 ext. 4027.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance