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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 16, 2021

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents

Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Dr. Scott M. Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent (

P-20 System and Student Transitions

Kyle L. Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent

Finance and Operations

SUBJECT: Seclusion and Restraint Data Reporting and Analysis Requirements

Public Act 400 of 2016 (MCL 380.1307f) requires seclusion and restraint data for all students to be reported in the Michigan student data system (MSDS) every year, regardless of the mode of instruction provided to students during the pandemic.

The <u>seclusion and restraint component</u> in MSDS is used to collect data related to the use of emergency seclusion and restraint in a traditional public 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 traditional public school districts, PSAs, and ISDs. You may find this information at www.mischooldata.org at the MSDS Historical District/School Summary.

Districts are encouraged to use proactive, effective, evidence- and research-based strategies and best practices to reduce the occurrence of challenging behaviors and to eliminate the use of seclusion and restraint, except as a matter of last resort in the case of an emergency as 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 <u>Emergency Seclusion and Restraint Frequency Asked Questions</u> and <u>Policy for the Emergency Use of Seclusion and Restraint</u>.

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Questions pertaining to seclusion and restraint data reporting can be directed to the state's Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) customer support service at CEPI@michigan.gov or call 517-335-0505, ext. 3.

Questions pertaining to general data submission should be directed to Scott Martin at martins27@michigan.gov or call 517-335-1745. 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 Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors