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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer

SUBJECT: Deadline for Approving Second Semester Seat Time Waivers

Districts seeking to operate a Seat Time Waiver (STW) program during Spring semester/second period must apply to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) no later than January 30, 2013, to ensure approval of application in time for the Spring 2013 count day on February 13, 2013. **Programs that received waivers for the Fall do not need to reapply.**

The STW program is an optional program and, as such, districts are obligated to follow the guidance provided by the MDE in operating their programs. State law (State Aid Act, Section 101 (9)) provides the State Superintendent with the ability to approve districts to operate these alternative education and innovative programs at his discretion and he maintains the right, at any time, to deny, suspend, or terminate his approval for programs for any reason, especially for non-compliance, financial mismanagement, or unsuccessful student outcomes.

All materials pertaining to the STW program, including the application, can be found at <http://www.techplan.org/seat-time-waivers/>.

Please send completed application and materials to STWapp@michigan.gov.

For additional questions, please contact the following MDE staff by email:

Brian Barber (Programmatic and Application Questions) - barberb2@michigan.gov
Kellie Flaminio (Application and Website Questions) - flaminiok@michigan.gov

We recommend that you allow your ISD Pupil Accounting auditor to review any new programs to ensure that 5-O-B requirements will be met. Please call the Office of Education Improvement and Innovation if you have further questions at 517-241-6895.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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