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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Director *KG*

SUBJECT: Section 166b – Enrollment and Counting for State School Aid of
Nonpublic Pupils

Section 166b of the State School Aid Act addresses the enrollment and counting for state school aid purposes of nonpublic school pupils, including pupils that are being homeschooled. These pupils are commonly referred to as "shared time" pupils.

Certain criteria must be met in order to count a shared time pupil for state school aid including that the class be a "nonessential elective" and the curricular offering is also available to full-time pupils in the minor's grade level or age group in the district or public school academy during the regular school day at a public school site.

A question has been repeatedly raised as to what is the "regular school day" for online courses (such as Section 21f classes) taken offsite by public school pupils.

In the spirit of the "anys," (any time, any pace, any how, any place), the Department interprets the regular school day for these online classes to be any time of the day/night.

The Pupil Accounting Manual will be updated accordingly.

Questions may be directed to Brian Ciloski at CiloskiB@michigan.gov or (517) 373-3352.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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