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MEMORANDUM

TO: Intermediate/Local District Superintendents and Public School Academy Administrators

FROM: Carol L. Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *Carol*

SUBJECT: Additional Information Related to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) Guidance for Budget and Salary/Compensation Transparency Reporting Pursuant to MCL 388.1618(2)

This correspondence is in regards to recent changes made to the Budget and Salary/Compensation Transparency Reporting guidance. The MDE has added information on areas such as deficit district reporting requirements and specific placement of the MI School Data link. One of the biggest changes is the provision of a template districts should use when designing the Budget Transparency Reporting webpage.

It is important to remember that Budget Transparency Reporting is a continuous process. To ensure that the district website contains the most current information, we would anticipate that the website would be updated throughout the year as data become available.

The MDE monitors district websites for compliance with the statutory requirements. Due to legislative changes over the past few years and recent changes to our guidance, we encourage you to review your Budget Transparency Reporting web page and make any necessary changes. Now is a great time to review your web page, as several of the reports are based on the most recently submitted FID data. In addition, using the MDE Budget Transparency Reporting template ensures that individuals seeking to locate the required data elements may find them in a consistent format on all Michigan public school district websites.

Here is the link to the revised Guidance for Budget and Salary/Compensation Transparency Reporting: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Budget_Transparency_Reporting_327912_7.pdf

Please direct any questions regarding the guidelines to Chad Urchike at UrchikeC1@michigan.gov or 517-335-1261. You may also contact Jeff Kolb at KolbJ2@Michigan.gov or 517-373-1908.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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