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MEMORANDUM

TO: Intermediate and Local School District Superintendents, Public
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FROM: Erika Bolig, Director, Evaluation, Strategic Research and
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SUBJECT: Section 31a At-Risk

Section 31a provides funding to eligible districts for instructional and student support services for students who meet the At-Risk identification characteristics specified in the legislation. The 2014-25 Section 31a At-Risk program legislation requires accountability for 3rd grade and 11th grade At-Risk students. This memo seeks to provide clarification on the procedures for Section 31a At-Risk identification for 2014-15, as there are questions that arose in our previous communications.

If your district receives 31a funds at any point this school year, your 31a At-Risk students must be entered into MSDS, using the eligibility criteria stated in the legislation and in the OFS identification criteria worksheets. These students must be identified with the Program Participation Eligibility code 3060, which first became available in the February 2015 count. In order for 31a eligible districts to continue to receive 31a funding, districts must continue to report 31a At-Risk students in MSDS. These students need to be identified and coded by End of Year Collection (ending on June 30, 2015). The only students that will be identified as 31a At-Risk without district input are those students enrolled in a Priority school.

To verify the districts receiving 31a funds, please refer to the district State Aid Status Reports, provided by ISD and available online at the Michigan Department of Education [website](#).

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