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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Local and Intermediate District Superintendents  
Public School Academy Directors and Authorizers  
Section 31a Main Contacts

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SUBJECT: Legislative Changes in Section 31a At-Risk Program

The Michigan Legislature has made significant changes to the Section 31a legislation that will affect the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the Section 31a grant for at-risk students starting in the 2014-15 school year. The Michigan Department of Education, Office of Field Services (OFS) website, <http://www.michigan.gov/ofs> under Programs, Section 31a At-Risk contains two new documents:

- Section 31a legislation which reflects the legislative changes;
- Section 31a Program Companion Document which includes anticipated questions/answers.

Although there is no required Section 31a application process, school personnel should continue to complete the required *Eligibility Worksheets* for grades K-3 and 4-12, and submit an annual Section 31a Program Report. Additional information, including revised *Eligibility Worksheets* and the new accountability process, will be forthcoming as soon as possible.

For information, comments, or questions please contact your Regional Field Consultant at 517-373-4004.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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