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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 13, 2015

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

FROM: Norma Jean Sass 
Deputy Superintendent, Education Services

SUBJECT: Release of Michigan K-12 Social Studies Standards for Public Comment and
Upcoming Public Information Sessions

Over three years ago, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) joined 27 other states to create the College, Career, and Civic Life (C3) Framework for Social Studies. For the past 16 months, the social studies community has updated and reviewed the Michigan Social Studies Standards through the lens of the C3 Framework. Update committees reviewed and edited Michigan's content expectations to make them, "fewer, clearer, and higher." Review committees consisting of parallel membership, provided a second set of eyes to ensure consistency and accuracy. A final review committee and an external review committee further refined the documents. The standards update process was presented to the State Board of Education on August 11, 2015, and the updated standards are now available for review.

The MDE is seeking public comment on the updated standards and would like to gather further input through an online public comment survey and through public information sessions. The online public comment survey can be found at michigan.gov/socialstudies.

The MDE is collaborating with several educational institutions and service providers to provide opportunities to share information about the proposed standards. MDE will gather feedback on both the standards and considerations for how these standards will be implemented at the local, regional, and state level. The following information sessions will be open to the public, and will feature presentations on both the proposed science and social studies standards, as well as information and comments from local educators, school and business leaders, and organizations that will support the implementation of the standards.

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Date	Time	Location	Location / Phone
August 26, 2015	3:00 – 6:00pm	Eastern Upper Peninsula ISD and Math/Science Center	315 Armory Place Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan (906) 632-3373
August 27, 2015	5:00 – 8:00pm	Seaborg Math/Science Center, Northern Michigan University	2805 Presque Isle Ave. Marquette, Michigan (906) 227-2002
Sept. 1, 2015	5:00 – 8:00pm	Michigan Science Center	5020 John R St. Detroit, Michigan (313) 577-8400
Sept. 3, 2015	5:00 – 8:00pm	Central Michigan University Science, Mathematics, and Technology Center	CMU Bovee University Center Terrace Rooms Mount Pleasant, Michigan (989) 774-4387
Sept. 14, 2015	5:00 – 8:00pm	Gerald R. Ford Museum	303 Pearl St. NW Grand Rapids, Michigan (616) 254-0400
Sept. 17, 2015	5:00 – 8:00pm	Battle Creek Area Math and Science Center	171 Michigan Ave. Battle Creek, Michigan (269) 965-9440
Sept. 21, 2015	5:00 – 8:00pm	Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District	1101 Red Drive Traverse City, Michigan (231) 922-6200
Sept. 28, 2015	5:00 – 8:00pm	Genesee Intermediate School District	2413 W. Maple Ave. Flint, Michigan (810) 591-4400
Sept. 30, 2015	5:00 – 8:00pm	Michigan Historical Center and Library	702 W. Kalamazoo St. Lansing, Michigan (517) 373-3559

These sessions will provide a broad overview of the standards and adoption considerations, and will then include multiple breakout sessions to address science and social studies standards. Feedback will be gathered from attendees on the standards at all sessions.

The MDE will also present information at the upcoming Division of Accountability and Assessment Services conferences later this month, and will post recordings of presentations from the various sessions. Additional information on the proposed standards, public comment survey, public information sessions, and other related information can be found at michigan.gov/socialstudies.

We look forward to your participation. If you have questions please contact MDE-socialstudies@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance