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FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction 

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SUBJECT: Student Data for Shared Educational Entities

After many discussions with internal and external education partners, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has decided a change is needed in the current reporting model for student achievement in certain programs, including but not limited to certain alternative education centers, certain special education centers, and certain other instructional school partnerships run by Intermediate School Districts or consortia of districts. In the current system, the instructing entity receives the student achievement data, the attendance or graduation data and the adequate yearly progress (AYP) status. The new focus will shift the achievement data, attendance or graduation data and AYP status to the sending entities for the students in shared educational entities. To do this MDE will track the school where instruction is taking place (the shared educational entity) and the sending school so that assessment results and other reports can be made available to both schools for each student.

MDE and the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) will be working on this procedural change over the summer. A work group has begun to develop new functionality in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) to enable proper tracking and reporting of data to both entities (sending and instructing). We plan to implement this procedural change for the 2010-11 school year. We will keep you updated. If you have questions, please contact Sally Vaughn at vaughns1@michigan.gov or 517-335-0011.

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