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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 8, 2020

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

FROM: Dr. Scott M. Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent
P-20 System and Student Transitions 

SUBJECT: Student Risk Screening Scale – Internalizing and Externalizing
(SRSS-IE) - MEMO #COVID-19-123

Michigan's multi-tiered system of support (MiMTSS) technical assistance (TA) center is continuously working to improve the professional learning and assistance that it provides to support implementation of a multi-tiered system of support (MTSS) and to ensure equitable and effective outcomes for all students.

Recently, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and MiMTSS TA center paused the training that it offers on the student risk screening scale—internalizing and externalizing (SRSS-IE) to allow time to listen and learn from the Michigan community and explore the reliability and validity of this universal screening tool. As a result, some intermediate school districts (ISDs) and local districts have expressed concern about this decision as they have incorporated the SRSS-IE in their extended COVID-19 learning plans. Although MDE's professional learning and technical assistance on the tool are presently paused, we recommend that districts not change their plans regarding the use of the screener SRSS-IE support tools. These tools are still available at the researchers' [Systematic Screening website](#).

For more information about the resources available, please visit the [MiMTSS TA Center website](#).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
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