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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *Carol*

SUBJECT: Summer Reading is for your Students!

Help your students improve skills through reading during the summer months. Most students, even those "at-risk," make decent progress during the school year. Summer is the time they fall behind. Michigan's public libraries provide free, voluntary reading programs throughout the summer for children and teens. The programs encourage reading with contests and prizes; along with activities that engage children through their personal lives and interests; and by hosting special performances to motivate children in their communities. Libraries encourage parents to develop family literacy behaviors and provide developmentally appropriate programs for a wide range of ages to create a culture of fluent reading. In many areas, libraries participate with local social service agencies to bring these enrichment programs to underserved and disadvantaged children. Your local public library can help your students maintain and even improve their reading skills over the summer. For more information, contact your local public library or go to www.michigan.gov/youthlibraryservices.

If you have any questions, please contact Karren Reish, Library Grants Coordinator, at reishk@michigan.gov or 517-241-0021.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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