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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 21, 2019

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

**FROM:** Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent   
Division of Educator, Student, and School Support

**SUBJECT:** Testing Window Extension

Due to the record number of snow days Michigan's local school districts experienced this winter and the subsequent delays in student instruction, many school leaders have asked the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to extend this spring's statewide testing windows.

The MDE is committed to being as responsive, flexible, and accommodating as possible in offering options to local districts for administration of the M-STEP, MI-Access, and Early Literacy and Mathematics.

After discussions within the MDE and among our assessment vendors, and in consideration of the MDE's operational needs, we will be extending the Michigan developed *state assessment* testing windows (M-STEP, MI-Access, and Early Literacy) by one week, for this year only.

These extensions will likely result in delays in the release of testing data and school-level results when testing is completed.

However, the *nationally administered* assessments—WIDA, PSAT, SAT, ACT WorkKeys—will be administered on their already-scheduled dates; these tests cannot be rescheduled for Michigan students.

This last-minute re-adjustment for the administration of state assessments will not be repeated after this year. The timing of statewide testing is critical in getting assessment data and other information back to our schools in a quick and timely manner. This is especially important for next year, given the requirements of Michigan's new "Read by Grade Three" law.

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Assessment								
	4/8- 4/12	4/15- 4/19	4/22- 4/26	4/29- 5/3	5/6- 5/10	5/13- 5/17	5/20- 5/24	5/27- 5/31
M-STEP Grades 5, 8, and 11	4 weeks				extended 1 week			
M-STEP Grades 3, 4, 6, and 7				4 weeks				extended 1 week
MI-Access Alternate Assessments	7 weeks							extended 1 week
College Entrance: SAT w/Essay*	4/9 only		Makeup 4/23					
Accommodated Testing Window	4/9 – 23							
Work Skills: ACT WorkKeys	4/10 only		Makeup 4/24					
Accommodated Testing Window	4/10 – 23							
PSAT 8/9 (grade 8)*	4/9	Makeup 4/10-16	Makeup 4/23-24					
Accommodated Testing Window	4/9 – 23							
PSAT 8/9 (grade 9) and PSAT 10**	4/9, 10, or 11	Makeup 4/10-16	Makeup 4/23- 24					
Accommodated Testing Window	4/9 – 23							

If you have questions, please contact the Office of Assessment and Accountability at 877-560-8378.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance