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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer

SUBJECT: Title I, Part A Section 1003(b)(1) Waiver Request

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is requesting a U.S. Department of Education (USED) waiver for fiscal year (FY) 2011-12 of certain requirements in Section 1003(b)(1) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This statute requires funds reserved under this section must be used for schools identified for school improvement, corrective action, and restructuring. Specifically, MDE seeks this waiver to allow these funds to be allocated to Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to provide support to Title I schools that have not made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for one year, and are facing the possibility of becoming Identified for Improvement – Year One with the release of 2010-11 AYP.

Without this waiver, Title I schools that have not made AYP for one year cannot access funding, supports, and services directed toward building local capacity. These supports and services are directed toward the prevention of their possible Identification for Improvement under the ESEA. The intended consequences are: 1) an improvement in the academic achievement of students; and 2) an increased capacity for schools to identify their strengths and challenges and address them as a means to prevent becoming Identified for Improvement.

The waiver request may be accessed online at www.michigan.gov/osi under "Current Topics."

LEAs wishing to comment on the request should submit comments to mde-ssos@michigan.gov by March 11, 2011. Questions should be directed to Bill Witt at wittb1@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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