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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D. 
Deputy Superintendent, Education Services

SUBJECT: Title I and Homeless Education Coordination

This communication is intended to alert districts and schools to updated information and guidance from the U.S Department of Education (USED) and from the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Field Services (OFS) regarding the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014. Sections of this Act revised the way Title I, Part A and Title X, Part C (McKinney-Vento Homeless Education) may coordinate services to homeless students. In April of 2014, the OFS shared guidance related to this legislation. Since that time, the USED has responded to additional questions and concerns from State Educational Agencies (SEAs) by conducting a webinar, as well as through email and telephone communications. As a result, the OFS guidance has been updated. Links to the USED webinar, updated OFS guidance, Q & A document, and the new Title I Homeless Reservation Template for the Consolidated Application may be located at the OFS and Homeless Education websites: www.michigan.gov/ofc and www.michigan.gov/homeless.

If you have specific questions regarding Title I and Homeless Education Program concerns during your planning and coordination of services to homeless students, contact your Field Service Consultant. If you have specific McKinney-Vento Homeless Education questions, contact the Homeless Education Consultant, Pam Kies-Lowe, at kies-lowep@michigan.gov or Special Populations Unit Manager, Shereen Tabrizi, Ph.D., Tabrizis@michigan.gov or by calling 517-373-6066.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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