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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** May 20, 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: UPDATED** Guidance for Compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education (MARSE) – MEMO #COVID-19-057

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the governor ordered the closure of all schools for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. The Michigan Department of Education Office of Special Education (MDE OSE) has updated current guidance to address additional substantive requirements of the IDEA and MARSE.

The updated guidance document will be posted on the [MDE COVID-19 Education Information and Resources Special Education Guidance website](#). Please note a google form link has been included in the document, as well as on the website pages, to collect additional questions or topics from the public.

The chart below identifies newly added information to the [Guidance for Compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act \(IDEA\) and the Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education \(v 2.0\)](#).

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For questions pertaining to this memo or the contents of the guidance document, please contact Ms. Teri Chapman, director of the Office of Special Education at [chapmant2@michigan.gov](mailto:chapmant2@michigan.gov).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance  
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