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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 5, 2015

TO: Local Educational Agency Superintendents

FROM: Norma Jean Sass *NJS*
Deputy Superintendent, Education Services
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SUBJECT: U.S. Census Bureau School District Review Program

The State of Michigan's Center for Shared Solutions (CSS), within the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget (DTMB) is coordinating the effort to validate and update the mapping of school district boundaries in Michigan. The Census Bureau has launched its School District Review Program (SDRP) to validate school district boundaries as they will exist on January 1, 2016. SDRP is an important task that has consequences for the state's allocation under Title I, Part A (Title I) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by Public Law (P.L.) 107-110. Please review your school district boundaries for consistency with the taxing authority.

Note: The SDRP is different than the Student Attendance Boundary Review (SABR) initiative that was sent out last month to school districts directly. Please review the memo and application below from DTMB regarding the U.S. Census Bureau School District Review Program. For further information, please contact Joshua Ross, State of Michigan SDRP Mapping Coordinator, at 517 241-8840 or rossj@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 30, 2015

To: State of Michigan School Districts

From: Joshua Ross
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Subject: U.S. Census Bureau School District Review Program

The Census Bureau has launched its School District Review Program (SDRP) to validate school district boundaries as they will exist on January 1, 2016. The State of Michigan's Center for Shared Solutions (CSS), within the Department of Technology, Management and Budget (DTMB) is coordinating this effort to validate and update the mapping of school district boundaries in Michigan. SDRP is an important task that has consequences for the state's allocation under Title I, Part A (Title I) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by (Public Law (P.L.) 107-110). The mapping coordination will involve the review of the U.S. Census Bureau's current Local Educational Agency (LEA) information and providing updates and corrections to LEA names, Federal LEA IDs, boundaries, grade ranges, and geographic relationships in Michigan. More information about the program can be found at www.census.gov/geo/partnerships/sdrp.html.

DTMB's CSS has developed an interactive map for school districts to review their boundaries. Instructions for navigating the interactive map are included as Attachment A of this document. The interactive map can be accessed at:

<http://michigan.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Viewer/index.html?appid=bacf964c044946a598034532472cd0bf>

There are typically two types of changes that occur with boundaries.

- 1) **An official boundary change that has been submitted through the Office of the Great Seal.** If this type of change is not reflected within the digital school district boundaries on the interactive map, please provide CSS with the documentation, if available, or contact the mapping coordinator at CSS to communicate the needed correction.

- 2) **General inaccuracies within the map boundaries.** The current mapping of school district boundaries was developed over the years from multiple sources of information. Through continued coordination with school districts the accuracy of boundaries continues to improve but these boundary review program are crucial to discovering current inaccuracies. **For any boundary inaccuracies that are not part of an official boundary change, CSS will require both affected school districts to provide emails to CSS stating that they are in agreement with the boundary change.**

Please provide any boundary change requests to CSS by **Friday, November 20th, 2015**. CSS will then make every effort to get all changes updated within the statewide school district boundary map by the Census Bureau's December deadline. We strongly encourage school districts to submit any changes as soon as possible rather than waiting for the November 20th deadline as CSS will begin making changes once they are received.

These boundary reviews are also beneficial for the Michigan Geographic Framework (MGF) geographic information systems (GIS) data sets which include statewide jurisdictional boundaries and roads data. These data sets are accessed by public and private organizations for many diverse mapping applications including bus routing.

As the mapping coordinator for the State of Michigan, please provide any boundary change requests to my attention. To provide detailed information about any change request, CSS suggests taking a screenshot of the map or printing a map of the area, then marking the change on the printout to then scan and email it using my contact information below. Please contact me should you have any questions about the program or process.

State of Michigan SDRP Mapping Coordinator

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