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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 2, 2022

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

FROM: Delsa D. Chapman, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent 
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

SUBJECT: Read by Grade Three Educator Survey Response – **Final Reminder**

In 2016, the Michigan legislature passed the Read by Grade Three (RBG3) law ([MCL 380.1280f](#)). Subsequently, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) requested that the Education Policy Innovation Collaborative (EPIC) at Michigan State University work in partnership with MDE and the state's Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) to engage in a research study of the law. This research aims to understand the law's effects on student achievement and how the law is being implemented in schools and districts across the state.

Educator voice is critical to understanding the implementation of the RBG3 law in Michigan. This memorandum is the final reminder of a request sent in April to encourage K-5 teachers and principals, district superintendents, and early literacy coaches to share their perspectives on the Read by Grade Three Law (RBG3). The survey can be accessed at:

https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bxCr85ZKhZz2ncy.

MDE encourages all K-5 teachers and principals, superintendents, and literacy coaches to participate. As work continues on improving early literacy in Michigan, educator perspectives are critically important to help us achieve this goal.

The survey will take approximately 25 minutes and educators can receive five (5) state continuing education clock hours (SCECHs) for completing it.

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Individual responses to the survey will be kept strictly confidential. All responses will be summarized so that no individual or school can be identified. The findings from this survey will be used to produce reports to Michigan policymakers, including legislators, and practitioners. **The RBG3 survey will close on Friday, June 17.**

This is the third of four educator surveys that are part of a five-year study of the RBG3 law. EPIC published its [first report](#) in April 2021. EPIC published in February 2022 its [second report](#) from the study that relied heavily upon last year's survey results.

The study is funded by grants from the U.S. Department of Education's Institute for Education Sciences as well as the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. In addition to annual surveys, EPIC will conduct classroom observations and interviews as well as examine the impact of RBG3 on student outcomes.

If you have questions about the RBG3 research or the survey, please contact EPIC managing director Emily Mohr at emohr@msu.edu.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
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