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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** August 1, 2023

**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:** 2023-24 Consolidated Application Systems Updates & Revised  
Submission Dates

The deadline for consolidated applications has been changed from August 3, 2023 to August 31, 2023.

Since the release of the 2023-24 consolidated applications on June 13, 2023, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and its NexSys contracted vendor, Agate Software, have become aware of technical issues that are preventing many districts from being able to fully access, complete, and/or submit the required components of the applications on time.

Despite the earnest efforts of local education agencies (LEAs), both traditional public school districts and public school academies, issues beyond MDE's control have persisted. The [letter](#) from Agate Software discusses the issues being addressed along with the improvements to address those issues.

Together, officials from MDE, the Michigan Department of Technology, Management, and Budget (DTMB), and Agate have assessed the circumstances leading to these systems issues and are implementing a plan to immediately address known areas of concern.

While work efforts are underway, LEA users are asked to:

- Ensure that districts' 2023-24 consolidated application has been initiated and that the application status reads "In Progress," "Review in Progress," or "Modifications Required." This is necessary to ensure that all consolidated application stages in NexSys can be monitored, with the maximum number of users interfacing with the system.

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- Continue to work with districts' assigned regional consultants, who are knowledgeable about the updates to the system status. When reporting system issues to the consultant, please be prepared to provide specific information about the problem (e.g., brief description of the issue or error, and the affected screen(s) or page(s) in NexSys to ensure that NexSys technicians have the necessary information to target and address the concern).

Districts may continue to reach out to their assigned regional consultant directly for assistance and support related to the consolidated application completion and/or submission issues. Finally, to receive a July 1, 2023 obligation date, LEAs must submit the application in substantially approvable form no later than August 31, 2023 (an extension of the original August 3, 2023 deadline).

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to providing quality education resources and programs to our Michigan students. Together, we will overcome these challenges and ensure a successful application process for all districts.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance  
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Departments  
2024 Consolidated Application Authorized Users in NexSys