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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** October 5, 2020

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

**FROM:** Kyle L. Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent <sup>KG</sup>  
Finance and Operations

**SUBJECT:** Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Submission (MCL 388.1698a) –  
MEMO #COVID-19-119

On August 20, 2020, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed into law House Bill 5913 (Public Act 149 of 2020). Public Act 149 created Section 98a of the state School Aid Act (MCL 388.1698a) that states: "In order to receive state aid under this article for 2020-2021, a district must provide, for the 2020-2021 school year, instruction under an extended COVID-19 learning plan that has been approved by an intermediate district or authorizing body...." A district that operates as a cyber school, as defined in section 551 of the Revised School Code (MCL 380.551), is not required to submit an extended COVID-19 learning plan.

On September 30, 2020, the governor signed into law the education omnibus budget bill ([Senate Bill 927](#)). The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) requests that districts complete the extended COVID-19 learning plan as outlined in this memorandum and in accordance with section 98a of the state School Aid Act. This memorandum includes new dates and submission requirements outlined in section 98a.

Extended COVID-19 learning plans were to be collected by the intermediate school districts (ISDs) for traditional public school districts and by the authorizing bodies for public school academies (PSAs) by October 1, 2020. In addition, PSAs that have agreements to provide education to a district that does not directly educate its residents were to submit their extended COVID-19 learning plan to the ISD within which they are located by October 1, 2020.

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ISDs and authorizing bodies are then required to approve local district and PSA extended COVID-19 learning plans by October 9, 2020 and submit them to the state superintendent of public instruction and state treasurer. Also, approved extended COVID-19 learning plans must be made publicly accessible through the transparency reporting link located on the local district's website by no later than October 12, 2020. Each ISD and PSA authorizer will access the following link to complete the extended COVID-19 learning plan submission: <https://www.michigan.gov/mde-responseplantemplate>

ISDs and PSA authorizers may upload extended COVID-19 learning plans using the Michigan Education Alliance [template](#) or a locally created plan. For members uploading plans on behalf of multiple educational entities, each plan will be uploaded individually. This collection will satisfy submission to both the state superintendent and state treasurer, as Michigan Department of Treasury staff will have access to the system as well.

Information regarding the required monthly reconfirmation of extended COVID-19 learning plans and reporting to the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) will be communicated soon.

#### **MDE CONTACTS FOR MORE INFORMATION**

- For questions regarding the extended COVID-19 learning plans, please call MDE's Office of Grants, Contracts & School Support at 517-241-5386.
- For questions regarding the link or application, please call 517-241-6270 or email [mde-gems@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-gems@michigan.gov).

Please note that a Michigan Education Information System (MEIS) account and/or security agreement is not required to complete the extended COVID-19 learning plan. All required actions can be completed by accessing the extended COVID-19 learning plan submission link provided above. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance  
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors