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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 28, 2020

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

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent
Division of Educator, Student, and School Support 

SUBJECT: Availability of 2019-20 School Grades (A-F)

Many accountability and reporting requirements were waived for the 2019-20 school year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; however, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is still required by state law (MCL 380.1280g) to release all aspects of the A-F system for which there are data.

MDE has made 2019-20 Michigan school grades reports available for schools to preview on MI School Data (www.mischooldata.org).

Authorized users of MI School Data are now able to preview school-level Michigan school grades reports before results are released publicly in early November. **The preview window will close on Thursday, November 5, 2020.**

In the Michigan school grades system, schools would normally receive up to five letter grades and three ranking labels based on various school performance components. Of the eight elements required of the A-F system, the following five elements are moot due to the suspension of state summative assessments during school year 2019-20: proficiency, growth, performance among peers, student subgroup performance, and assessment participation. The remaining three elements for which MDE has data are graduation rate, English language (EL) progress, and attendance. Schools eligible to be alternative education campuses (AECs) will have the compliance element reported, to denote compliance with applicable laws.

To preview school results, authorized individuals need to login to MI School Data. Please remember that the preview window is offered as a courtesy to schools so that they are prepared to communicate to their communities about their performance when these data are made public. Appeals and requests to clean up data will not be considered at this time. Schools were offered the opportunity to correct data errors prior to this preview window.

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(Note—State accountability reporting for 2019-20 will only include the calculation and release of school grades results. School index results will not be calculated nor released.)

MDE previously communicated this information in the OEAA Spotlight newsletter on September 3, September 24, and October 22, 2020. This information was also shared via an online presentation to the General Education Leadership Network (GELN) and Michigan Continuous Improvement Facilitators Network (MCIFN) on September 10, 2020.

We encourage you to review the informational guides and other helpful resources available for the Michigan school grades system at www.michigan.gov/mde-schoolgrades.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors