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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 18, 2021

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

FROM: William A. Pearson, Ed.D., Interim Deputy Superintendent
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports WAP

SUBJECT: Michigan Participation in the NAEP 2021 School Survey –
MEMO #COVID-19-160

The Institute of Education Sciences (IES) at the U.S. Department of Education recently [announced a national survey](#) intended to collect data necessary to better understand the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on students and educators. This project, known as the *NAEP 2021 School Survey*, will collect data about the status of in-person learning, student instructional modes, and attendance rates from a national and state representative sample of schools.

A limited number of schools in Michigan will be selected to be included in a sample, representative of our state's student population. Each school in the sample will be asked to designate a respondent for their school. Respondent time to complete the survey is expected to be 15 minutes per month. Monthly data collections will start before March 1, 2021 and continue through June 2021. The results will not be used for allocating or withholding federal funds in any way. All data will be aggregated and will not be publicly reported at the school level. The NAEP state coordinator at the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) will send notifications and additional details by the end of February 2021 to schools and districts selected to participate.

MDE recognizes the importance of accurate and reliable data to guide decision-making and appreciates the commitment of Michigan schools selected to participate. For more information about the survey, please contact the MDE NAEP state coordinator, Brian Lloyd, at lloyd@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors

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