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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 5, 2025

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

FROM: Michele A. Harmala, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent
Division of Educator Excellence, Career Technical Education,
Special Education, and Administrative Law

SUBJECT: Intermediate School District Determination Requirements under Part B of
the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 2004 established reporting requirements under [Section 600 of the Regulations](#) that mandate states to publicly report on the performance of each intermediate school district (ISD) and make annual determinations of the extent to which the agencies are meeting the purposes and requirements of IDEA. Determinations use data from ISDs and member districts within their jurisdiction that correspond to the [State Performance Plan indicators](#) required by the Office of Special Education Programs of the U.S. Department of Education.

States are required to establish criteria in the following categories outlined in the federal IDEA to determine the status of each ISD. The determinations are:

1. Meets the purposes and requirements of Part B of the act;
2. Needs assistance in implementing the requirements of Part B of the act;
3. Needs intervention in implementing the requirements of Part B of the act; or
4. Needs substantial intervention in implementing the requirements of Part B of the act.

A detailed process of the elements and indicators used by the Michigan Department of Education's Office of Special Education to assign determination categories to each ISD serving students with an individualized education program (IEP) is available as a link on the June 2025 "Reports" page in Catamaran. Determinations will be issued in the July 2025 release of Catamaran. ISDs will receive their determinations no later than June 20, 2025. The correspondence from MDE OSE will include the determination and the next steps for ISDs to meet the requirements of IDEA based on their determination.

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We appreciate districts' efforts to improve results for students with IEPs and look forward to continuing our work with you. Please contact Teri Rink, director of the Office of Special Education, at RinkT@Michigan.gov if you have any questions.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Departments