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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 9, 2022

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

FROM: Dr. Scott M. Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent 
P-20 System and Student Transitions

SUBJECT: Intermediate School Districts Determination Requirements under Part B of the Federal Individuals with Disabilities Act

[The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act \(IDEA\)](#) of 2004 established reporting requirements ([34 CFR 300.600](#)) mandating that states publicly report on the performance of each intermediate school district (ISD) and make annual determinations of the extent to which ISDs are meeting ISD purposes and requirements. ISDs will receive determinations from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) on June 23, 2022. Determinations are a compilation of data elements aggregated from member districts within the jurisdiction of the ISD and, if applicable, ISD-operated programs. A detailed process of the elements and indicators that MDE's Office of Special Education used to assign determination categories to each ISD is available as a link on the June 2022 "Reports" page in Catamaran.

Most of the data used to make these determinations correspond to the state performance plan indicators required by U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs. States are required to use the following categories outlined in IDEA to determine the status of each special education program:

- Meets the purposes and requirements of Part B of the Act.
- Needs assistance in implementing the requirements of Part B of the Act; or
- Needs intervention in implementing the requirements of Part B of the Act; or
- Needs substantial intervention in implementing the requirements of Part B of the Act.

We appreciate your efforts to improve results for students with individualized education programs and look forward to continuing our work with you. Please feel free to contact Special Education Director Teri Rink at rinkt1@michigan.gov if you have any questions.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
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