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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 3, 2021

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 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 2004 established reporting requirements under Section 616 of the regulations mandating states to publicly report on the performance of each local education agency (LEA), both traditional public schools and public school academies (PSAs) and Intermediate School Districts (ISD), and to make annual determinations of the extent to which ISDs are meeting the purposes and requirements of IDEA. Most of the data used to make these determinations correspond to the state performance plan indicators as required by the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs.

States are required to use the following categories outlined in the 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.

A detailed process of the elements and indicators the Office of Special Education used to assign determination categories to each intermediate school district serving students with an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) is available as a link on the June 2021 "Reports" page in Catamaran. Determinations will be issued in the July 2021 release of Catamaran.

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

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
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