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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent *V. Keesler*
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SUBJECT: Amendments to the School Improvement Plan Requirements Effective
December 24, 2018

Public Act 231 of 2018 (aka Senate Bill 685) amended the Revised School Code, Section 380.1277*, which details the requirements for School Improvement Plans (SIPs). This amendment will require SIPs to include certain job and career exposure opportunities and experiences for students. These changes take effect on December 24, 2018.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) advises local school districts they do not need to revise existing SIPs already completed for the 2018-19 school year. Instead, these requirements should be incorporated in the SIP due by September 1, 2019.

The new requirements may be found here under subsections (2)f) –(i):

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-380-1277-amended>

These requirements and other practices traditionally associated with the school improvement planning process will be revisited and addressed in depth via the MDE's Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process (MICIP) in the coming months.

MICIP is a new initiative at the state level aimed at consolidating and aligning continuous improvement efforts while eliminating duplication of effort across funding streams, programs, and initiatives to focus on whole child outcomes.

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The Vision for MICIP

All districts in Michigan are on a continuous improvement pathway that supports a district's needs with data, funding, tools, and differentiated supports to improve whole child outcomes.

The Goal of MICIP

To provide districts with a streamlined and integrated *process* and system for:

- Diagnosing needs in support of educating the *whole child*
- Creating a high-quality plan that focuses on the *systems and supports* that districts need to implement a whole-child continuous improvement plan, and
- Identifying how to use various funding streams and grants to implement that plan
- Basically - Needs drive plans, which drive funding

Timeline for MICIP Implementation

2018-19

- Status quo for districts, schools, and intermediate school districts (ISDs)
- The MDE will focus on creating, revising, and seeking feedback on the MICIP process
- Stakeholder engagement and input

2019-20

- Targeted usability testing checking for success and problems with the process
- The MDE will create and deliver training on the MICIP process
- Continued stakeholder engagement and input

2020-21

- Full launch by all districts
- The MDE will provide training and ongoing support for implementation
- Continued stakeholder engagement and input

Questions regarding this communication or the amended SIP requirements may be directed to Bill Witt at wittb1@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

*This referenced section was corrected on March 21, 2019 due to a typographical error.