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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 12, 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: Michigan College Access Network (MCAN) One-on-One Free Application
for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Assistance

According to the Michigan College Access Network (MCAN), students who complete the FAFSA are more likely to enroll in college. In fact, low-income students who complete the FAFSA are 127 percent more likely to enroll in college immediately following high school than their peers who do not complete the FAFSA. Ninety percent of high school seniors who complete the FAFSA immediately enroll in postsecondary education programs, compared to 50 percent of those who do not file. That is why the [Michigan College Access Network](#) is committed to providing resources to assist Michigan students to access college.

FAFSA completion supports [Michigan's Top 10 Strategic Education Plan](#) to expand secondary learning opportunities for all students and to increase the percentage of adults with a postsecondary credential. As such, the Michigan Department of Education encourages school districts to share this opportunity with students and families. It is not too late for students from the class of 2021 to submit their FAFSA.

One-on-one FAFSA assistance can be scheduled by e-mailing adviser@micollegeaccess.org, or by calling or texting the college advising hotline at 810-373-5385.

Additionally, FAFSA assistance sessions are held weekly on **Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (EDT) through August 26**. Advance scheduling is not necessary; participants can join any session via [Google Meet](#), or by dialing 1-346-800-2445 (PIN: 202 581 229#). For additional information on MCAN resources, please call 517-316-1713.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
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