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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 19, 2018

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

FROM: Venessa Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent *V. Keesler*
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

SUBJECT: Public Comment on the Proposed Michigan School Counselor
Professional Development Standards

The Michigan Department of Education, Office of Educator Excellence is requesting public comment on the [proposed Michigan School Counselor Professional Development Standards](#) to be used to enhance the skills and knowledge of school counselors. The proposed standards were crafted in the spirit of the state of Michigan Top 10 in 10 Initiatives, Strategic Goals 1, 3, and 5.

In accordance with MCL 380.1233 applicants who apply to renew a Teaching Certificate with a school counselor endorsement (NT) and/or apply to renew a School Counselor License (SCL) must complete specific professional learning clock hours. The proposed standards are in sync with requirements set forth in law consisting of: 25 clock hours of college planning and selection, 25 clock hours of career counseling including 5 hours in the exploration of military career options. MCL 380.1233 has an effective date of February 6, 2020.

Survey feedback must be submitted by 11:59pm, May 6, 2018 [online](#). Comments will be reviewed and considered in the final recommendation to the State Board of Education.

For additional information, please contact Beatrice M. Harrison at HarrisonB@michigan.gov or 517-241-0046.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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