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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Local and Intermediate District Superintendents  
Public School Academy Directors and Authorizers  
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SUBJECT: Annual Education Reports 2015-16

Several district and school staff members have asked for clarification about historical reporting responsibilities that were required late in the school year or summer. One of these is related to cover letters and Annual Education Reports (AERs) containing assessment and accountability data.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) will not have assessment and accountability data ready for schools until fall. Therefore, districts and schools will not be required to distribute AERs and the related cover letters this summer. The MDE has submitted our request for the ESEA Flexibility waiver renewal. We hope that the U.S. Department of Education will respond favorably to this request which includes a proposal to simplify the process for compliance with Sections 1111 and 1116 requiring public report cards (AERs and cover letters). At the time that the MDE obtains approval of the ESEA Flexibility waiver renewal, we will communicate the details of the new public reporting requirements to you.

The MDE will keep district and school staff informed of requirements for fall 2015 annual report cards as soon as we have clarification on our ESEA Flexibility waiver renewal. If you have questions please contact Mike Radke at [radkem@michigan.gov](mailto:radkem@michigan.gov) or Dave Judd at [juddd@michigan.gov](mailto:juddd@michigan.gov).

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