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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 19, 2017

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

FROM: Kyle L. Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent *KG*

SUBJECT: 2017 School Wellness Award

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) announces the launch of the 2017 School Wellness Award. The award encourages Michigan schools to promote physical activity, healthy eating, and tobacco-free lifestyles for students and staff. As part of the Michigan Health and Wellness 4 x 4 Initiative, the Michigan School Wellness Award recognizes and applauds schools working to create healthier school environments. Schools statewide are encouraged to create healthy school environments by establishing School Health Teams, completing the Healthy School Action Tools (HSAT), and implementing sustainable policy and environmental changes. The School Wellness Award will recognize schools committed to increasing student achievement with a healthier school community.

Award winning schools will be recognized during a ceremony at the state capitol in May 2017. Local legislators will be invited to attend the ceremony. Award winning schools will also receive, depending on award level, a banner or plaque to display in their school.

The MDHHS, in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Education, United Dairy Industry of Michigan, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Michigan Action for Healthy Kids, and the Michigan Health and Wellness 4 x 4 Initiative, invite schools to apply for the award by April 19, 2017. The online application can be found at <http://swa.mihealthtools.org>, along with additional information about the award and creating healthy school environments.

Questions may be directed to Karen Krabill Yoder at MDHHS at yoderk@michigan.gov or 517-335-8908.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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