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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** November 9, 2017

**TO:** Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents  
Public School Academy Directors, and Principals

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

**SUBJECT:** Announcing the Michigan Department of Education Student Growth  
Percentiles Educator Evaluation Calculator Tool

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) Office of Educator Talent (OET) announces the availability of the MDE Student Growth Percentiles (SGP) Educator Evaluation Calculator Tool. The MDE SGP Educator Evaluation Calculator Tool is designed to automate calculations consistent with MDE recommendations for the use of state assessment data to determine student growth ratings for educator evaluations.

The MDE SGP Educator Evaluation Calculator Tool helps ensure adherence to policy recommendations while greatly decreasing the time required to use SGP scores to determine student growth ratings when compared to manual calculation. Districts are encouraged to investigate the use of data warehouses and data management systems to replicate the calculations and reporting found within the MDE SGP Educator Evaluation Calculator Tool. SGPs are currently available and may be used for educator evaluations. Districts should make informed decisions about when SGPs are used within educator evaluations, as they are not mandated for use until the 2018-2019 school year.

The MDE SGP Educator Evaluation Calculator Tool, a technical guidance document for the tool, and an instructional video providing detailed direction for using the tool may be downloaded from the MDE educator evaluation student growth measurement resource website: [http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-5683\\_75438\\_78528-399514--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-5683_75438_78528-399514--,00.html). For questions and additional information, please contact Brian Lloyd at 517-373-0739 or via email at [LloydB@michigan.gov](mailto:LloydB@michigan.gov).

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