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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
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FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent *V. Keesler*
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SUBJECT: Section 31a At-Risk Pupils

Section 31a provides funding to eligible Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) for instructional and direct non-instructional support services for students who meet the at-risk identification characteristics specified in the legislation. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has developed new guidance to assist LEAs receiving State Section 31a At-Risk funds in addressing the revised legislative requirements of this grant.

All Section 31a At-Risk students must be identified in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) collections. LEAs should report students enrolled in the LEA on the collection count date and who are eligible for Section 31a At-Risk with the value "3060" in the Program Eligibility Participation characteristic. In order to be included in the LEA's Section 31a At-Risk count, students must be reported with this code in at least two of the three General Collections for the school year.

The 2017-18 Section 31a At-Risk program legislation requires accountability for grade 3 and grade 11 at-risk students, which will be determined in three-year cycles. Beginning with the 2015-16 baseline year, at-risk results for both grade 3 reading and grade 11 career- and college-readiness will be publicly reported, though at-risk results will not be incorporated into the statewide accountability system until 2018-19, when three years of data are available.

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To view Section 31a amounts, please refer to the State Aid Financial Status Reports on the [State Aid & School Finance website](#), under What's New. Reference the 2017-18 Section 31a Legislation, Section 31a 2017-18 Identification Worksheets, and Monitoring Indicators Guide on the [Section 31a page](#).

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