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MEMORANDUM

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

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

SUBJECT: Accountability for Section 31a At-Risk Public Report Now Available

Section 31a of the State School Aid Act provides funding to eligible districts for instructional and pupil support services who meet the at-risk identification characteristics in the legislation. Section 31a legislation now mandates an accountability component, beginning in school year 2018–19. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) have worked together to create the first report for MI School Data that is specific to the Section 31a At-Risk population. This report provides a snapshot view of the number and percent of proficient 3rd and 11th grade students identified as "Section 31a At-Risk" on the state assessments M-STEP and SAT.

While the Section 31a At-Risk report will not be part of the statewide accountability system for two years, we have provided the information for secure users in MI School Data beginning April 20, 2017 and for the public beginning May 4, 2017. This report shows the number and percent of students in 3rd grade who meet proficiency on the English language arts (ELA) section of the M-STEP assessment, and the number and percent of students in 11th grade who meet college readiness benchmarks on the SAT.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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