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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 12, 2021

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

FROM: Dr. Scott M. Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent
P-20 System and Student Transitions 

SUBJECT: Fall 2021 Michigan Kindergarten Entry Observation (MKEO)/
Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) Administration

Section 104(4) of Public Act 48 of 2021, commonly known as the state school aid act for Fiscal Year 2021-22, eliminated all provisions of the MKEO/KRA that affect all school districts, beginning October 1, 2021.

The Michigan Department of Education has confirmed that the legislature's intent by striking all references to the MKEO/KRA under Section 104(4) of Public Act 48 of 2021 was to allow for the **optional** administration of the MKEO/KRA in fall 2021.

The passage of Public Act 48 created a timing conflict with last year's school aid act, effective until September 30, 2021, that set training and administration requirements for the MKEO/KRA by districts for fall 2021. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has been informed by the legislature that it intends to remedy this timing conflict in an upcoming supplemental budget.

It was further clarified to MDE that school districts should not be financially penalized for not administering the assessment. This reference is related to another section stricken by P.A. 48 of 2021 (section, 22b(3)g).

For further questions related to this memo, please contact Richard Lower, Director, Office of Preschool and Out-of-School Time Learning at lowerr@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
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