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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Michigan Educators

FROM: Michael F. Rice, Ph.D., State Superintendent 

SUBJECT: U.S. Departments of Education and Justice Fact Sheet: Confronting COVID-19-Related Harassment in Schools - MEMO #COVID-19-190

This memo is to share a new resource from the U.S. Departments of Education (USED) and Justice (DOJ): [Confronting COVID-19-Related Harassment in Schools](#) — a fact sheet for students and families. This resource can be found in the Race and National Origin Discrimination section of the USED Office for Civil Rights' (OCR) [Reading Room](#), in English, Chinese-simplified, Chinese-traditional, Korean, Tagalog, and Vietnamese, with additional translations expected later this month.

This information supplements a recent MDE [memo](#) that provided curricular and other resources to combat anti-Asian hate and bullying. We share this new fact sheet in an effort to assure that students and families are aware of their rights in school settings and of how to access help, if needed, including from OCR in the U.S. Department of Education and the Civil Rights Division in the U.S. Department of Justice.

In the communicating about this new resource, USED and DOJ referenced President Biden's [Memorandum Condemning and Combating Racism, Xenophobia, and Intolerance Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States](#), in which he stated: "The federal government should combat racism, xenophobia, and intolerance against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and should work to ensure that all members of AAPI communities — no matter their background, the language they speak, or their religious beliefs — are treated with dignity and equity."

Please share this information widely with your schools and community members. Thank you for all you do to ensure that all students have educational opportunities that are safe and free from discrimination.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
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