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**MEMORANDUM**

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

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *Carol*

SUBJECT: Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth Survey

The Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth (MiPHY) 2013-2014 survey cycle is now open and will continue through June 6, 2014. The MiPHY is an online student survey available every other year to all Michigan schools with grades 7, 9, and 11. The MiPHY provides student health behavior, risk, and protective factor data for school-based, data-driven decision-making.

MiPHY has moved to the new Michigan School Health Survey System. This new survey system houses multiple surveys including MiPHY, Bully-Free Schools (BFS), and the Michigan School Climate Assessment Instrument (MiSCAI). Buildings can register on the system at any time during the open cycle at [www.michigan.gov/shs](http://www.michigan.gov/shs). The survey system and reports, developed by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), are provided at no cost to schools. MiPHY reports accessed online through the Michigan School Health Survey System assists local efforts to reduce drug use, violence, and related problem behaviors, as well as promote healthy youth development.

The MiPHY:

- is endorsed by MDE and the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) as the recommended survey for local assessment of student risk behaviors.
- is free of charge to districts. The no-cost survey system and reports allow more funds for direct services.
- is private. Student privacy is maintained through confidential, anonymous, and voluntary participation.

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- is designed for local use and local-level decision-making. Reports are intended for use by districts and their community partners, with electronic access limited to personnel approved by the district superintendent or public school academy director.
- generates reports quickly. Buildings and districts can access results two to four business days after closing the survey, allowing time to identify needs and plan for adjustments in services.
- will provide trend reports from year-to-year and comparisons to the Michigan Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS).

For more information about the MiPHY and the new Michigan School Health Survey System, please visit [www.michigan.gov/miphy](http://www.michigan.gov/miphy) or contact Nicole Kramer, Project Specialist, at [kramern@michigan.gov](mailto:kramern@michigan.gov) or 517-373-4354.

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