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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *Carol*

SUBJECT: Change in School Immunization Reporting Requirements for the 2014-2015 School Year

In collaboration with the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) announces important information regarding changes to school immunization reporting requirements.

In October 2013, Senate Bills 237, 238, and 239 were passed by the Michigan legislature regarding seventh grade school immunization reporting requirements that will take effect in the 2014-2015 school year. **These changes will replace the current sixth grade reporting requirement.** Current sixth grade students whose immunization status is being reported for the 2013-2014 school year will be reported again as seventh graders for the 2014-2015 school year. This change in grade should alleviate the confusion of ten-year-old sixth grade entrants not being age-eligible for the recommended sixth grade vaccines. The seventh grade reporting age is better aligned with the nationally recommended immunization schedule which recommends adolescent vaccines at eleven to twelve years of age.

The vaccines required will remain the same as those currently recommended for sixth grade students. The transition from sixth grade reporting to seventh grade reporting will first be reported out in November 2014.

Michigan Care Improvement Registry/School Immunization Reporting System (MCIR/SIRS) programming updates to accommodate this change will be available on May 1, 2014, after all the February reports have been completed from the previous year.

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School nurses, secretaries, and those responsible for the reporting of immunizations should be informed of this change and instructed not to delete their current MCIR/SIRS roster of sixth grade students once they have completed the February 2014 reporting requirements for the 2013-2014 school year. All current sixth graders will automatically be promoted to seventh grade on August 1, 2014, and will be re-reported for the November 2014 report as seventh graders.

For more information on school reporting, please contact the Immunization Program at your local health department. Local health department contacts can be found at <http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132--96747--,00.html>.

Thank you for all that you do to keep Michigan students protected against vaccine-preventable diseases.