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TO: Local and Intermediate Superintendents; Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Carol L. Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: UPDATE: Hurricane Katrina Student Evacuee Enrollments
NEW INFORMATION: Access to Mississippi Student Academic Records

UPDATE

Thank you for continuing to provide the number of student evacuees your district has enrolled. The numbers continue to change daily. To date we have 209 students enrolled in districts through Michigan.

NEW INFORMATION

The Mississippi Department of Education has developed a plan to assist with the acquisition of records to aid in the enrollment of students displaced by Hurricane Katrina. In order to accomplish this, we have been asked to identify a student's state of origin. Therefore, the spreadsheet that you complete for us will be modified to include a State of Origin column. We will then be able to coordinate with Mississippi in securing necessary student records. Your district contact for student evacuee information will hear directly from Judy Byrnes of our department.

On September 14, 2005, I participated in a conference call with the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) and Department of Education colleagues from across the country. The Department of Education is working to resolve issues and questions in the following six broad categories:

- 1) Assessment and accountability
- 2) Special education
- 3) Highly qualified teachers
- 4) FERPA
- 5) McKinney-Veto
- 6) Financial resources

As we hear from the USDOE, you will be notified immediately.

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