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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer

SUBJECT: Waivers of Minimum Number of Hours of Pupil Instruction for Alternative Education Programs Year 2008-2009

The chapter in the State Aid Act, Section 101 (10), permits the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to waive the minimum number of hours of pupil instruction for Alternative Education programs. This waiver can only be granted for Alternative Education Programs and not for individual students.

The State Superintendent will consider applications for waivers of hours for programs that will operate for less than the required 1098 hours during the school year. Before submitting the waiver to operate less than the required 1098 hours of instruction, consider very carefully the amount of instruction time needed to deliver the expanded Michigan Merit Curriculum.

To apply for a waiver under Section 101 (10), please complete the Waiver Application Review form and the Program Assurances form which are available on the Department's web page, http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530_30334_40027- --,00.html. Waiver applications should be submitted to the Michigan Department of Education **no later than October 1, 2008**. Please mail the completed packet to:

Michigan Department of Education
Office of School Improvement
Attention: Request for Alternative Education Hours Waiver
P.O. Box 30008
Lansing, Michigan 48909

If you have any questions regarding the information being requested, please contact Sam Sinicropi at (517) 241-1162 or email him at SinicropiS@michigan.gov.

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