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TO: Local and Intermediate School Superintendents, Public School Academy Directors, and Nonpublic School Administrators

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *CW*

SUBJECT: Update on Lawsuit (Northern Warehousing, Inc. vs. State of Michigan, Department of Education)

The purpose of this message is to provide an update concerning the most recent court action regarding the temporary restraining order (TRO) issued by the Michigan Court of Claims in the matter of Northern Warehousing, Inc., vs. State of Michigan, Department of Education (MDE) on Friday, March 30, 2007.

On Wednesday, April 11, 2007, Judge Colette dissolved that TRO. The contract between Northern Warehousing, Inc. and the State of Michigan has been cancelled effective March 30, 2007. Northern Warehousing is no longer authorized to deliver USDA donated food commodities.

The MDE and USDA are working together to provide an alternative delivery solution to schools in Regions 1 and 3 that have been affected by the dissolution of the warehouse contract. As more information becomes available, the MDE will provide it to the school districts. We thank you for your continued patience as we work to resolve this situation as soon as possible as not to disrupt service.

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