

To: Superintendents and Principals
Subject: School Points of Pride (PoP)

To provide schools the opportunity to display **optional** information in the public Michigan School Accountability Scorecards, the Bureau of Assessment & Accountability (BAA) and the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) have created a "Points of Pride (PoP)" optional data submission in the Educational Entity Master (EEM). Principals (or other school leaders) have the opportunity to submit optional "Points of Pride" about their schools that will be included in the school's accountability scorecard. This is your opportunity to highlight information about your school that would not otherwise be represented on accountability scorecards.

Your authorized EEM user(s) were notified earlier today of this optional EEM submission and the May 1 until 11:59 p.m. on May 31, 2013 window for data entry into the EEM.

Those who choose to participate should complete the "Points of Pride Optional Worksheet" available at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/PoP_Worksheet_417044_7.pdf. If you do choose to submit PoP, submit the completed worksheet to the authorized EEM user for your school with enough time for data entry into the EEM prior to the May 31 deadline. The EEM user will then input this information via EEM; the data will be displayed on the School Report Card link of at www.mischooldata.org to reflect the 2012-13 school year, but will remain displayed during the 2013-14 school year beginning in late August. The worksheet linked above contains explanation and instructions for participation.

If you choose not to submit Points of Pride this May, the PoP section of your school's 2012-13 accountability scorecard will remain blank.

For your reference, a copy of the communication sent to authorized EEM users can be found at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/PoP_for_EEM_Users_417051_7.pdf.

If you have questions about Points of Pride, please contact the Office of Evaluation, Strategic Research and Accountability at 877-560-8378, option 6, or email MDE-Accountability@Michigan.gov.

For support with the EEM application, please contact CEPI at CEPI@michigan.gov or 517-335-0505, option 3.

Thank you,

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