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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 20, 2018

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors, Intermediate School Special Education
Directors, and Local Education Agency Contacts

FROM: Dr. Scott M. Koenigsnecht, Deputy Superintendent
P-20 System & Student Transitions 

SUBJECT: Transition Assessment

The [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act \(IDEA\)](#), requires beginning not later than the first individualized education plan (IEP) to be in effect when the child [with a disability] turns 16, or younger if determined appropriate by the IEP Team, and updated annually, thereafter, the IEP must include:

(1) Appropriate measurable postsecondary goals based upon age appropriate transition assessments related to training, education, employment, and where appropriate, independent living skills; §300.320(7)(b)(1)

The Michigan Department of Education, Office of Special Education, has recognized some districts are not obtaining parental consent to administer transition assessments. Districts are required to obtain parental consent, or consent of a student who has reached the age of majority of 18, when administering transition assessments. Therefore, consent is required if an assessment is being used to fulfill the initial transition assessment requirements of IDEA or any subsequent transition assessment(s) outside of the exclusions listed below; §300.300(d), consent is not required when:

- Reviewing existing data as part of an evaluation or a reevaluation;
- Administering a test or other evaluation that is administered to all children, unless, before administration of that test or evaluation, consent is required of parents of all children;
- An assessment is conducted as a routine activity or assignment within the curriculum, and;
- Screening a student to determine appropriate instructional strategies for curriculum implementation. (§300.302)

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All transition assessments, conducted as of the date of this memo, will require parental consent, or consent of the student who has reached the age of majority.

Please inform your staff immediately to ensure they are obtaining consent for all transition assessments.

Questions about the content of this memo can be directed to the MDE OSE Information Line at 1-888-320-8384 or mde-ose@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance