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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties Regarding "Vision and Principles for Universal Education"

FROM: Jeremy M. Hughes, Ph.D. 
Acting Superintendent

SUBJECT: Announcement of a Field Review on Draft Vision and Principles

At the request of the State Board of Education, in June 2003, the Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services convened the Universal Education Referent Group (Group). The charge to the Group was to recommend to the State Board of Education (SBE) a set of vision and principles related to the concept of universal education.

At the onset of their work, the Group established common ground in their desire to create a set of vision and principles which applies to all students. Since January 28, 2004, the Group met on several occasions to finalize the draft document entitled, "Vision and Principles of Universal Education." During the course of this project, parents, teachers, and administrators have expressed an interest in providing input into the draft vision and principles.

The attached Draft document is now available for review and comment. Please note that a response form has also been included as an attachment. All comment will be reviewed and considered. Please feel free to distribute this Draft document and response form to any interested parties. Written comments will be accepted by the Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services through 5:00 p.m. on April 30. Comments may be submitted via internet at www.michigan.gov/mde (click on administrators and then click on special education), email at whiteheadaj@michigan.gov, or surface mail to Amanda Whitehead, Administrative Assistant, Quality Assurance Program, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services, Michigan Department of Education, P.O. Box 30008, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

Attachment

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