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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents and
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *Carol*

SUBJECT: [P.A. 342 and 343 of 2012](#), Michigan's Sports Concussion Awareness
Laws

Michigan recently became the 39th U.S. state to enact a law that regulates sports concussions and return to athletic activity. While the law goes into full effect on June 30, 2013, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) has launched a website with resources for coaches, parents, and athletes with educational resources and online training courses from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) "Head's Up" Program.

"Concussions are a very serious injury that can change a young athlete's life forever," said James K. Haveman, Director of the MDCH. "With more awareness about the signs, symptoms, and consequences of concussions and prompt removal from play when a concussion is suspected, this law will help to preserve future health and academic performance of student athletes."

Michigan's sports concussion law requires that all organizing entities that sponsor an athletic activity (including any game, competition, or practice) ensure that all involved adults participate in a concussion awareness training program and provide educational resources on the signs, symptoms, and consequences of sports concussions to parents, athletes, and volunteers. Michigan's sports concussion law includes guidelines for athletes' return to play following a concussion.

For more information about the Michigan sports concussion law and to see the educational and training tools available from the CDC's "Heads Up" Program, visit www.michigan.gov/sportsconcussion. Questions may be directed to Linda Meeder in the Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs unit at (517) 241-6905 or meederL@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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