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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Superintendents, Migrant Directors

FROM: Shereen Tabrizi, Ph. D., Manager
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SUBJECT: Migrant Student Identification and Recruitment

The State of Michigan is required by the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation to identify all potential migrant students. To complete this task, grants have been awarded to the Northwestern Michigan Migrant Program, Michigan State University, and Van Buren Intermediate School District. It is their responsibility to visit all school districts in the state that do not currently operate a migrant education program for the purpose of identifying potential students.

Identification of migrant youngsters throughout the state accomplishes three goals. First, the state's allocation from the Office of Migrant Education is based, in part, on the total number of students identified in the state as migrant students. Second, students and their families are put in contact with resources they can utilize beyond the usual support services available to highly mobile, low-income families. Finally, we occasionally find sufficient numbers of students in a region to consider beginning more formal migrant education support programs or to consider expansion of existing programs to other areas of a county or region.

A representative (recruiter) from one of the educational agencies named above will contact your district for the purpose of checking student registrations to determine if students meet migrant education criteria. The process begins with an interview of school principals or someone familiar with the students and their enrollment patterns. If it appears that there are students who may meet the criteria, the recruiter will ask for home addresses so that he/she may interview the parents. This is an acceptable recruiting practice. For your assurance, each of the recruiters will carry a letter identifying them as an employee from one of the grant recipients. They should also be able to produce picture identification so you can verify the person named in the letter is a migrant recruiter.

Please assist the recruiter visiting your district so we may accurately identify all migrant students in Michigan. If you have any questions, please contact Frank Garcia via e-mail at garciaf1@michigan.gov or by phone at (517) 373-6066.

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