



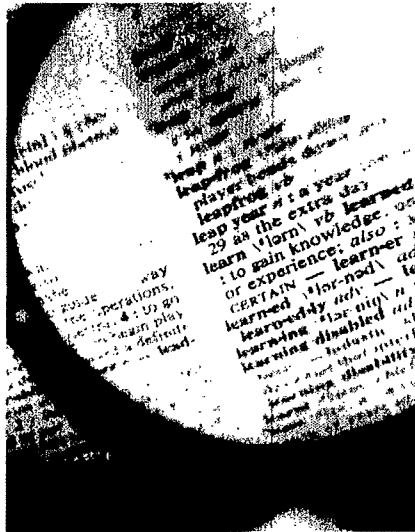
STATE OF MICHIGAN
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 11, 2013
TO: Principals and Superintendents of all Michigan Public, Private and Parochial Schools
SUBJECT: VISION SCREENING and REPORTING FOR KINDERGARTEN



The screening of children's vision prior to the start of Kindergarten is required in Michigan. Several laws mandate the screening, confirmation of screening, and the reporting of these screenings.

Public Health Code Act 368 of 1978, Section 9307 states that "a parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis applying to have a child registered for the first time in a kindergarten or first grade in a school in this state shall present to school officials, at the time of registration or not later than the first day of school, a certificate of hearing and vision testing or screening or statements of exception under Section 9311".

The Revised School Code (Act 451 of 1976, section 380.1177) requires that parents of children entering kindergarten **present a statement to school officials** confirming that they have received the Michigan Department of Community Health Vision Screening OR a statement, signed by a licensed eye care practitioner (optometrist or ophthalmologist) or medical/osteopathic physician, indicating that a child's eyes have been examined at least once after age three and **before initial school entry** may also be presented. **School officials are required to enter vision screening data into the MCIR system** for all kindergarten or developmental kindergarten new entrants by November 1 of each year.