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TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents  
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SUBJECT: Eighth Grade Technology Literacy Certification Requirement

For the past two years, local districts were notified of the requirement to report the percentage of eighth grade students meeting the state's definition of technology literacy. This is an update for the 2007-2008 school year and a reminder to submit your report by June 30, 2008.

As in the past, you will report in the Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS) as a certification. We ask that you certify the number of students you have assessed and the number (not the percentage) of students you have deemed to be technologically literate. **New this year will be a field to indicate how the technology literacy was determined, using the following methods of assessment:**

- Teacher observation
- Portfolio: Hard copy or electronic
- District/ISD developed: Multiple choice only
- Commercially developed: Multiple choice only
- District/ISD developed: (multiple choice, portfolio, and/or authentic assessment)
- Commercially developed: (multiple choice, portfolio, and/or authentic assessment)
- Completion of coursework
- Other

The Regional Educational Media Centers (REMC), in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Education and the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL), has created a website with resources to assist school districts in meeting this requirement. Visit the REMC website at <http://www.remc.org/> and click on the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Technology Literacy link to access a variety of information relating to 8<sup>th</sup> grade technology literacy.

The REMC Instructional Technologists group (RITS) has designed a bank of assessments and questions, which can be utilized for free by local school districts.

For assistance with technology planning, visit <http://techplan.org>. School district personnel are also encouraged to contact their local REMC for assistance.

Questions concerning the eighth grade Technology Literacy requirement should be referred to Ron Faulds (517-241-3525) or Barb Fardell (517) 241-3629.

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