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## **MDE TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON FUTURE ASSESSMENT**

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LANSING – The Michigan Department of Education will hold a public hearing from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, July 30, 2014, in the atrium of Constitution Hall, 525 West Allegan, Lansing. The public is welcome to attend and comment on the new student assessment tool that will be administered beginning in Spring 2016.

Joseph Martineau, Deputy Superintendent of Accountability Services, will give a briefing on the timeline for a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the new assessment, which will go out on September 1 as prescribed in state law. The public is welcome to provide feedback on future statewide assessments to the department following the briefing.

Michigan is moving away from the former Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) test in the 2014-2015 school year. In Spring 2015, students will be given a new MEAP assessment for the 2014-2015 school year that will measure the state's standards in core subjects, as mandated by the state legislature in next year's budget.

Beginning today, the Department also is holding a two-week public comment period. The public can provide input on the future state assessment by mail, email, fax, and online form through Tuesday, August 5.

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