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MDE SEEKS PARENT FEEDBACK ON PROPOSED SCHOOL TRANSPARENCY DASHBOARD

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LANSING – Parents and caregivers of children from preschool through Grade 12 are invited to provide feedback on Michigan’s online “[school transparency dashboard](#),” the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) announced today. The online dashboard is designed to show the performance of every public school in Michigan.

The user-friendly dashboard will display more than 20 different measures that parents and other stakeholders have said are important to them when evaluating the quality of a school.

“We want this important school information tool to be understandable, clear, and easy for parents to use,” said State Superintendent Brian Whiston. “I encourage parents to take this survey, look at the proposed dashboard, and share their thoughts with us.”

The survey allows participants to view components of the new dashboard, then answer questions about the way information is presented; the usefulness of certain features; and viewers’ unique interests. MDE will use survey feedback to help shape the current and future versions of the dashboard so that it is helpful to parents in every community.

Click the link below or type the survey URL into your web browser to access the online survey: www.surveymonkey.com/r/MDEESSA_Dashboard2017

The survey can be completed on any computer, tablet, or mobile device. It should take no more than 15 minutes to complete, and all answers will be confidential. The survey will remain open until **November 15, 2017**.

The transparency dashboard resulted, in part, from stakeholder input during Michigan’s planning for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and is an essential component in Michigan’s plan to become a Top 10 education state in 10 years.

A State Board of Education policy, adopted June 14, 2017, outlines the desired metrics for Michigan’s new transparency dashboard and identifies a timeline and process for development.

The Transparency Dashboard is expected to be made available to the public by early 2018 and will replace MDE's former school report card.

You can find more detail in the [State Board of Education's June 14, 2017 policy](#), which can be found online at the MDE website at www.michigan.gov/mde. Click on State Board of Education in the left column and then "Policies and Statements."

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