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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 28, 2025

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Dr. Diane Golzynski, Deputy Superintendent 
Division of Business, Health, and Library Services

Dr. Michele A. Harmala, Deputy Superintendent 
Division of Educator Excellence, Career Technical Education, Special
Education, and Administrative Law

SUBJECT: Required District Modifications to the 2025-26 School Bus Inventory
System (SBIS)

Pursuant to [R 388.379 \(Rule 9\)](#) and [R 388.381 \(Rule 11\)](#) of the Michigan Administrative Code, all intermediate school districts and local educational agencies, both traditional public school districts and public school academies, which use school buses to transport students to and from school must report those buses in the [School Bus Inventory System](#) (SBIS) within the Michigan Education Information System.

The Michigan Department of Education has updated the SBIS and the related data entry instructions to help districts provide more accurate and comprehensive school bus data. From October 1, 2025, through June 20, 2026, all districts are required to review and update their data in the SBIS for the 2025-26 collection period.

Key updates to the [Student Transportation Information and School Bus Inventory System Instructions](#) include:

- Revisions to definitions.
- New or revised vehicle description fields.
- Removal of fields that are no longer needed.
- Dropdown fields that include code descriptions.
- A confirmation pop-up for each vehicle added to SBIS.

To update your district's SBIS data, visit the [School Bus Inventory System website](#).

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For more details, please refer to the [Student Transportation Information and School Bus Inventory System Instructions](#) or contact Troy Hansbarger at HansbargerT@Michigan.gov for regular/vocational education transportation, or Nichole Northern at NorthernN2@Michigan.gov for specialized transportation.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
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