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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 21, 2016

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

FROM: Brian J. Whiston, State Superintendent 

SUBJECT: Flint Water Crisis

We are aware that local school districts are interested in helping with the water crisis in the City of Flint. A "Flint Water Response Team" website (<http://www.helpforflint.com/>) has been developed by the state to provide information on volunteering and donations. While bottled water is appreciated, the state's emergency response team also is asking for financial donations to help purchase water filters and fresh produce.

For individuals, the best way to help is to call 2-1-1 and state that you are willing to help by volunteering or by providing donations.

For large donations (100 cases or more) of bottled water, it is recommended that you contact the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan at 810-239-4441. Donors must call ahead to schedule a dock time for delivery. Water must be placed on pallets and meet the [Water Donation Guidelines](#).

Donations of less than 100 cases of bottled water are accepted Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Catholic Charities for Hope located at 517 E. Fifth Avenue, Flint. Call 810-232-9950, ext. 325 to make arrangement for deliveries.

If you have any questions about donations, call 517-324-2342 to speak with a Michigan Department of Education representative.

Thank you for your concern and action in this situation.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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