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## **Traffic Advisory for Fans Attending Boys Basketball Finals**

**EAST LANSING, Mich.** – **March 22** – Spectators traveling to East Lansing this weekend for the Michigan High School Athletic Association Boys Basketball Semifinals and Finals at the Breslin Student Events Center are advised that construction on US-127 between entrance ramp from I-96 and the Trowbridge Road exit may create delays.

Construction may result in lane closures this week. Spectators are advised to allow for extra travel time and to seek alternate routes to the Breslin Center. A link to the Michigan Department of Transportation's construction information (http://mdotwas1.mdot.state.mi.us/public/LaneClosure/index.cfm) can be found on the Boys Basketball page of the MHSAA Website. Select University Region and then Ingham County.

Spectators are also reminded that security measures will be in place at the event to help assure spectator safety. Fans will be subject to a visual search, and arena personnel will reserve the right to request that patrons open their coats, purses, bags and other personal totes for visual inspection; and deny entrance to individuals who do not cooperate.

Items which fans will be prohibited from bringing into the building include, but are not limited to, the following: Aerosol cans; alcoholic beverages; animals (except assistive animals for people with disabilities); bags (grocery, duffle, backpacks, luggage, large purses, etc.) 8 1/2" x 14" x 10" is maximum size for entry; balloons (air & helium); balls (beach balls, footballs, baseballs, etc.); banners; beverages; cameras (professional) or cameras with lenses over five inches long and/or 50mm and above; cans & bottles; confetti or glitter; coolers of any kind, including small soft pack coolers; fireworks; food; hard objects that can be used as missiles or projectiles; illegal substances; large camera cases; liquids (bottled or boxed); laser pointers; noisemaking devices (bells, horns, kazoos, thunder sticks, whistles, etc.); sticks, bats or clubs; strollers; tripods; umbrellas; and weapons.

The following items will be permitted after inspection: Binoculars and cases; small still cameras and small camera cases (must comply with the camera/lens limits); diaper bags (only if accompanied by a child); hand held signs; purses and fanny packs (must comply with the above bag limits); small radios (must be used with an earpiece); and small video cameras, no tripods. All spectator videotaping and still photography must be done for private use -- any reproduction, sale or retransmission of the images is prohibited.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by over 1,600 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools. Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract approximately 1.6 million spectators each year.