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## MHSAA Endorses GradeCheck.net Academic Progress Program

**EAST LANSING, Mich. – June 29** – GradeCheck.net, a Michigan startup company that reinforces the academic aspect of school sports, has earned a rare endorsement from the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

GradeCheck.net provides an Internet-based program that assists students, parents, school counselors and administrators monitor academic progress and helps high school students qualify for National Collegiate Athletic Association member and other college scholarships. In 2008, GradeCheck worked with educators and parents to facilitate more than \$2 million in scholarships for their students.

GradeCheck.net founder Shelia McBride states: "Our innovative, national system provides benefits to all high school students. We provide a national college admissions information database, an applications checklist, a scholarship application checklist, as well as a Grade Point Average calculator. These tools help students know if they are on track to meet the entrance requirements of a college or university long before they start submitting applications."

GradeCheck.net will be introduced to MHSAA constituents at upcoming Athletic Director In-Service programs, Captains Clinics and throughout the Association's year-round "Reaching Higher" initiative intended to help students aspire to and reach their full potential in high school athletics.

"We are pleased and excited about this new partnership. This opportunity has the potential to reach students all across the state of Michigan to provide a clear advantage for achieving academic success and for securing a college education," says McBride.

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.

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