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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D. 
Deputy Superintendent, Education Services

SUBJECT: Invitation to the Michigan Advanced Placement: Access, Equity and
Excellence Colloquium

On behalf of the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and The College Board, we are delighted to invite you to the first **Michigan Advanced Placement: Access, Equity and Excellence Colloquium** to be held in Lansing on Wednesday June 4th, 2014.

The Advanced Placement (AP) Colloquium will bring together district and school leaders, practitioners, researchers and educators from around the state engaged in developing opportunities to grow and strengthen AP programming. The goals for this conference are for school leaders to walk away with:

1. An understanding of how AP programming supports career and college ready objectives with alignment to state and district strategic plans,
2. Updates on the latest AP research,
3. Sharing of best-practices in connecting subgroups to AP access and success,

The agenda is designed to allow for educators to learn with and from each other through working groups and roundtable discussions. Participants will be provided with resources to critically examine their district/school AP program and with innovative ideas for inclusion, access and performance. Discussions will be led by district leaders, MDE and College Board staff who will facilitate conversations with participants on innovative strategies to develop models of inclusion, access and performance in all aspects of Advanced Placement programming.

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Location: Library of Michigan, Forum
702 W. Kalamazoo Street, Lansing, MI 48915

Time: 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch will be provided

Please RSVP for the conference by Wednesday, May 14th to Kellie Flaminio at flaminiok@michigan.gov.

If you have any questions regarding the conference, please contact Kellie Flaminio at 517-373-7116 or flaminiok@michigan.gov for additional information. Creating access, bridging the equity gap and learning best-practices to increase the number of students and exams scores qualifying for college credit through Advanced Placement will support the mission of career and college success for all students in Michigan. We look forward to seeing you at the conference in Lansing on June 4th.



Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D.
Deputy Superintendent, Education Services
Michigan Department of Education



Greg Walker
Vice President, Midwest
The College Board

cc: Michigan Education Alliance



Working Agenda (8:00 am – 1:00pm):

8:00 – 8:30 am: Breakfast provided

8:30 - 8:45 am: Advanced Placement: Connecting All Students
Speaker: Greg Walker, VP, College Board

8:45 – 9:30 am: School District Models for AP Success
Speakers: Dr. Curt Babcock, North Muskegon School District, Dr. Christine Johns, Utica Community Schools

9:30 – 9:45 am: Advanced Placement - Connections to Michigan Students
Speaker: State Superintendent Mike Flanagan

9:45 – 10:00 am: Break

10:00 – Noon: Sessions (each session 35 minutes and then 5 minutes of transition time)

- Session 1: AP Research and Building a College Going Culture – College Board Staff and Mr. Sam Sinicropi and Mr. Brian Barber, Michigan Department of Education (MDE)
- Session 2: Developing a successful AP system – College Board Staff, Mr. Sam Sinicropi and Mr. Brian Barber, MDE, and Panel Session with Dr. Johns and Dr. Babcock
- Session 3: AP and Higher Education – College Board Staff and Mr. James Cotter, Director of Admissions, Michigan State University

12:00 – 1:00 pm: Lunch provided