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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
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SUBJECT: Launch of the Michigan Career & College Ready Portal and Webinar
Series

Michigan's Career & College Ready Portal is now available for use by Michigan's educators. A website has been created to connect users with the resources available for helping all students graduate career and college ready. This user-friendly portal is organized into categories such as:

Effective Instruction	Accountability & Transparency
Balanced Assessment	Supporting Quality Educators
Infrastructure	P-20 Resources
Success Stories	

The portal will be updated frequently with current, high quality resources thus becoming the central point for career and college ready information. Please visit the portal at <http://www.michigancr.org/>.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) will also be conducting a series of webinars to launch in November 2012. In collaboration with the Michigan Education Association, the American Federation of Teachers Michigan, the Michigan Association for Secondary School Principals, the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators, and the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association, the MDE will share information aligned to career and college readiness. The webinars will highlight ways that educators are making a difference in preparing our students to be career and college ready. Look for an announcement in the next few weeks detailing the dates of the webinar series, the topics, and your viewing options.

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The Michigan Career and College Ready Standards provide an opportunity to prepare students with the skills necessary to succeed after high school. The standards also offer an opportunity to align instructional practices with career and college readiness. The MDE is pleased to provide tools and resources to assist educators with implementing these standards.

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cc: Michigan Education Alliance