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**MEMORANDUM**

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

FROM: Natasha Baker *N Baker*  
Deputy Superintendent of Education Services and  
State School Reform Officer

SUBJECT: Early Literacy and Mathematics Regional Spring Sessions

The Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) Office of Education Improvement and Innovation will host five free regional spring awareness sessions to support Early Literacy and Mathematics (K-3) Instruction.

During these sessions, Curriculum and Instruction Unit consultants will provide examples of K-3 literacy and mathematics instructional practices that are grounded in the standards as well as the research about how students learn. Additionally, support for curriculum, instruction, assessment, and system-building in both early literacy and mathematics are essential; therefore, the MDE will support capacity-building for educators through strengthening local networks. During each session, there will be dedicated time for Intermediate School District leaders to share early literacy and mathematics professional learning and supports in their region.

For more information and to register for a regional session, please visit:  
<http://mde-earlylitandmath-instruction.weebly.com>.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Brandy Archer ([archerb2@michigan.gov](mailto:archerb2@michigan.gov)) or Jill Griffin ([griffinj9@michigan.gov](mailto:griffinj9@michigan.gov)).

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