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**MEMORANDUM**

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

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*  
Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer

SUBJECT: Response to Intervention Conference

Response to Intervention and School Improvement, Fitting it all Together  
One Common Voice/One Plan: Clarity for Schools

The first one day Response to Intervention and School Improvement Conference will be held on May 4, 2010, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn, Michigan. The conference is intended for District, School, ISD/RESA personnel, and Professional Organization Leaders *and is provided at no cost*. The goals for the day are:

- To increase the understanding of principles common to all Response to Intervention (RtI) models.
- To create common understanding of RtI's relationship to Michigan's Continuous School Improvement Process (MI CSI).
- This collaborative project is intended to set a statewide framework for RtI.

The agenda includes a keynote by Mr. Darren Woodruff from the National Center for Response to Intervention discussing the RtI principles; a presentation on the MDE vision of RtI and its integration with School Improvement (SI); the goal of having One Common Voice – One Plan in any building; and stories of RtI implementation from the field. The day will begin with welcomes from MDE Leadership: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer; MaryAlice Galloway, Director, Office of Education Improvement and Innovation; and Jacque Thompson, Director, Office of Special Education & Early Intervention Services.

The conference is being planned by the Statewide Response to Intervention Team, including representation from the MDE Offices of Education Improvement and Innovation, Special Education and Early Intervention Services, as well as Intermediate School Districts Response to Intervention Experts, Michigan Integrated Intervention Initiative, the University of Michigan, Great Lakes East/Learning Point Associates, the

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National Center on Response to Intervention, NCA/CASI/AdvancEd, Michigan Reading Association, and representative English Language Learners.

Registration is limited to the first 200 participants and will be conducted online only beginning March 23, 2010. Please follow this link to register:

[http://www2.learningpt.org/MDE\\_RTIConference/](http://www2.learningpt.org/MDE_RTIConference/)

If you have any questions, please contact Jan Oord at [oordj@michigan.gov](mailto:oordj@michigan.gov) or 517/373-6925.

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