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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents

Public School Academy Directors

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Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

SUBJECT: Free and Low-Cost Resources for Districts

To support districts as they work to provide students with supplemental learning during this time of school closure, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) compiled a list of online resources for various content areas. The intent of these resources is to assist with **supplemental** virtual learning opportunities for all students. Prior to districts moving learning experiences completely to a virtual environment, there are readiness considerations that need to be addressed. Districts can find some of these considerations in this memo, released by MDE on March 18, 2020.

MDE is providing a compilation of online resources as currently available tools for districts and is not endorsing the resources or the required use of these resources. Furthermore, the resources are not intended to replace any to which the district already has access and is providing to students. District-provided resources are aligned to local curriculum and opportunities.

A current list of content area and instructional resources for districts can be found on the MDE <u>website</u>. Please continue to visit this website and review information sent by the department as these resources and guidance will be continually updated.

MDE is working with the administration and education partners on longer-term solutions but wanted to provide these resources in the interim.

Cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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