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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D. 
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SUBJECT: New Lifelong Soft Skills Videos

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition (MACIII) have teamed up with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to produce 14 new eLearning videos under four categories to help teach soft skills. The videos are publicly available at: <http://www.mitalent.org/elearning-soft-skills-program/>.

The four categories and corresponding video topics include:

Communication	(Humility, Communication, Conflict)
Critical Thinking	(Ethical Character, Personal Judgment, Problem Solving, Time Management)
Collaboration	(Diversity and Inclusion, Self Confidence, Teamwork)
Creativity	(Positive Attitude, Initiative, Flexibility, Work Ethic)

Please share this valuable, free resource with your counselors, work-based learning coordinators, and teachers.

Please contact Beverly Brown, Office of Career and Technical Education Program Consultant, at (517) 335-4670 or brownb21@michigan.gov, if you have any questions.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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