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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 8, 2015

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

FROM: Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent 
Division of Accountability Services

SUBJECT: Office of Professional Preparation Services Winter Conference

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce that registration is now open for the Office of Professional Preparation Services' (OPPS') Winter Conference. This year's conference theme is *Students are at the Heart - Shifting Systems from Compliance to Excellence*. By keeping student achievement at the heart of the decision-making process and by clarifying the essential roles of the individual educator and the educational organization, we create a framework that moves all stakeholders from compliance to excellence in the areas of educator preparation, certification, professional learning, and professional practices.

K-12 instructional and administrative staff, faculty from Michigan's educator preparation institutions, representatives from the MDE, and representatives from Michigan's education associations and organizations will convene for a day-and-a-half event taking place at Michigan State University's Kellogg Center on Tuesday, December 8 and Wednesday, December 9, 2015. A complete list of topics and descriptions will be provided at a later date. Registration is currently open on the [Michigan Institute for Educational Management website](http://www.gomiem.org/event/office-professional-preparation-services-winter-conference) (<http://www.gomiem.org/event/office-professional-preparation-services-winter-conference>).

Interested individuals or teams may [submit presentation proposals](https://mde.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9st8P4A2vE7NNAN) (https://mde.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9st8P4A2vE7NNAN) aligned to the conference theme.

Organizations that wish to exhibit a relevant program, or act as a sponsor for the event, may contact Leah Breen at Breenl1@michigan.gov or 517-241-1392.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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