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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 6, 2016

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

FROM: Venessa Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent *V. Keesler*
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

SUBJECT: Michigan Department of Education (MDE) Fall 2016 School Improvement Conference

The Michigan Department of Education will sponsor the Fall 2016 School Improvement Conference on November 21-22, 2016, at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan.

We are excited to announce that the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) author Eric Jensen is the featured keynote speaker at the MDE's Fall School Improvement Conference.

On day one, Dr. Jensen will present the keynote and two breakout sessions focusing on "Teaching and Engaging with Poverty in Mind." Eric Jensen's book, *Teaching with Poverty in Mind*, will be highlighted. On day two he will dig deeper by looking at "Tools of Engagement."

Supportive breakouts on day one will address poverty in schools, districts, and the state.

If you have specific questions pertaining to this conference, please contact Diane Joslin-Gould at Joslin-GouldD@michigan.gov. Conference registration and information is available through the Michigan Institute for Educational Management's (MIEM) website at www.gomiem.org.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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