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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 21, 2018

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

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

SUBJECT: 2018 Special Populations Conference: Our Students, Our Compass

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE), Office of Educational Supports (OES) is excited to announce the [8th Annual Special Populations Conference: Our Students, Our Compass](#). The focus of the conference is program coordination, best practice, early literacy, networking, and will emphasize the following programs:

- At-Risk Learners (Section 31a)
- English Learners & Immigrant Students (Title III)
- Foster Care Learners (Title I, Part A)
- Homeless Learners (Title IX, Part A)
- Migrant Learners (Title I, Part C)
- Neglected and Delinquent Learners (Title I, Part D)

Join us for this professional learning opportunity Thursday, September 20 and Friday, September 21, 2018, at the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing, Michigan. [Online registration](#) is open and early registration is available through June 30, 2018. Please plan to share this information with all who may be interested. For questions and additional information, please contact the OES Special Populations Unit at 517-241-6974.

The Special Populations Conference aligns with the Michigan Department of Education Top 10 in 10 Years Goal #4, which states, "Reduce the impact of high-risk factors, including poverty, and provide equitable resources to meet the needs of all students to ensure that they have access to quality educational opportunities."

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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