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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** August 23, 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:** Minecraft: Education Edition Licensing Application and Professional Learning Community

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is excited to once again announce a partnership with Microsoft EDU to offer Michigan school districts free Minecraft: Education Edition (M:EE) student and educator licenses. This version of the popular open world game, Minecraft, is specifically designed for education, containing features that make Minecraft more accessible and effective in a classroom and/or after-school program setting. This program aligns to the MDE's Top 10 in 10 Strategic Plan by enhancing access to effective technology tools that support deeper and personalized learning.

An application process has been developed to identify districts interested in obtaining M:EE licenses and participate in a M:EE Professional Learning Community. The application will provide information necessary to support the deployment of licenses, development of professional learning resources (face-to-face/online/blended training and technical assistance, lesson plans, M:EE Worlds, parent resources, etc.), and the empowerment of students to create and share their own Michigan Landmark M:EE worlds. The application can be found at <https://fs27.formsite.com/t2MTj3/form12/index.html>.

The grant application is due no later than **September 18, 2018**. All local education agencies, intermediate school districts, public school academies, and career tech centers are eligible to apply for the M:EE licenses.

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For more information regarding the application process please see <http://www.techplan.org/rdi/minecraft>. If you have any questions please email or call Amanda Stoel at [stoela@michigan.gov](mailto:stoela@michigan.gov) or 517-241-3629.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance