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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 30, 2019

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

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

SUBJECT: Michigan Virtual Offers Minecraft: Education Edition Summer Camp for Kids and More

Each year, Michigan students [lose an average of one month's worth of learning over the summer](#). Therefore, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), Office of Systems, Evaluation, and Technology (OSET) is pleased to highlight [Michigan Virtual's Minecraft Online Summer Camp](#) for grades 3-8. This four-week course is made possible by a partnership between the MDE, OSET and Michigan Virtual. This course supports Michigan's Top 10 in 10 Strategic Plan Goal 2 by enhancing access to effective technology tools that support deeper and personalized learning.

During this four-week online summer camp, students will receive weekly educational challenges and coaching from our Minecraft experts in the colorful and constructible world of Minecraft: Education Edition — the educational version of the award-winning video game sensation. There is a cost of \$49.95. Students will be able to access Minecraft: Education Edition until Labor Day.

Michigan Virtual also provides over 150 online summer courses. See the list below.

- [Over 150 online summer courses](#) (Grades 6-12)
10 weeks | Flexible pacing | Taught by highly qualified, Michigan-certified teachers
- [Social & Emotional 360](#) (Grades 3-12)
A digital library of expert resources for parents and students on hard-to-talk-about topics including bullying, mental health, substance abuse, vaping, and more.
- [Innovation Online Summer Camp with the Henry Ford](#) (Grades 6-9)
- [EdReady Math](#) (Grades 4-12)

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Michigan Virtual has created a communication tool kit that can be found at <https://michiganvirtual.org/summer-communication-kit/>. The toolkit is a series of resources that may be useful communications to send to students, parents, and staff regarding summer learning options.

If you have questions, please contact Amanda Stoel at stoela@michigan.gov.
For more information visit: <https://hubs.ly/H0hLtPI0>.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance