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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** October 30, 2020

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

**FROM:** Michael F. Rice, Ph.D. 

**SUBJECT:** Additional Resource for Finding Missing Children – MEMO #COVID-19-132

We have sent recent communications about the growing concern of educators regarding children missing from our schools during the pandemic.

Working with the Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators (MASA) and the education advocacy organization Education Trust-Midwest, we are developing an Every Student Matters campaign. As an early strategy in this effort, a [tool](#) has been developed to help districts in finding and serving students who have not re-enrolled in your districts.

We realize that you and your staff are doing some or perhaps many of these activities now and appreciate your commitment associated therewith. We want to share additional strategies for your consideration to aid in your current efforts. This is another tool to help us find our missing children and a commitment from MDE, MASA, and others to support local school districts and their leaders.

This tool is supported by MDE, MASA, Education Trust-Midwest, Middle Cities Education Association, MAISA, MASSP, MEMSPA, MEA, AFT Michigan, MASB, MSBO, and MAPSA.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance  
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors

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