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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 16, 2020

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

FROM: Michael F. Rice, Ph.D., State Superintendent
-and-
Jocelyn Benson, Michigan Secretary of State

SUBJECT: Educators - Make a Plan to Vote

As the November 3 general election nears, we ask for your help in encouraging district support staff, teachers, administrators, and students to prioritize safe voting by making a plan to vote.

Voting is a fundamental right and civic duty. We need your help to make sure all voters know how to make their voices heard safely this year. In these uncertain times, Michigan voters deserve to know with certainty that their votes will be counted and secure.

Below you will find resources, including a digital toolkit along with useful links, to share via your district's communication channels. **Please use these resources to encourage every person in your community to make a plan to vote.** As a trusted leader in your community, we are grateful in advance for your help in sharing trusted, nonpartisan information with your districts. Students, staff, and community members can visit Michigan.gov/Vote for reliable election information.

Note: **Oct. 19 is the last day to register to vote online or via mailed paper form.** Please include an alert about this important upcoming deadline in your communications. After that date, new voters can register in person with their clerk up until 8 p.m. on Election Day. You can learn more at Michigan.gov/Vote.

Thank you for your leadership in this challenging time.

Jocelyn Benson
Michigan Secretary of State

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State Superintendent

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Resources and Tools

- [Make a Plan to Vote Digital Toolkit](#)
 - Social media messages and images
 - Vote from Home and Safe Voting options flyer
- [Register to vote online by Oct. 19](#)
- [Michigan.gov/Vote, the Michigan Voter Information Center](#)
 - Check your voter registration status
 - Find your election clerk
 - Find a drop box in your voting jurisdiction
 - Track your absentee ballot
 - Find your polling place
 - View a sample ballot before an election
- [Voter Education Videos](#)
- [Create a Voter Registration Page for Your School \(Before Oct. 19\)](#)
- [Classroom: Michigan Youth Civic Engagement](#)

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