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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 9, 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 Supports

SUBJECT: 2019 Special Populations Conference: Our Stories, Our Strength

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE), Office of Educational Supports (OES) is excited to announce the [9th Annual Special Populations Conference: Our Stories, Our Strength](#). The Special Populations Conference supports the Top 10 in 10 strategic goals, specifically goal four: seeking to reduce the impact of high-risk factors on students. The focus of the conference is program coordination, best practices, early literacy, and networking. It will emphasize the following programs:

- At-Risk Learners (Section 31a)
- English Learners & Immigrant Students (Title III, Section 41)
- Foster Care Learners (Title I, Part A)
- Homeless Learners (Title IX, Part A)
- Migratory Learners (Title I, Part C)
- Neglected and Delinquent Learners (Title I, Part D)

Join us for this professional learning opportunity Monday, September 16 – Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing, Michigan. Consider attending the additional post-conference training that will be focused on identifying English Learners with suspected disabilities co-sponsored by MABE, MI-TESOL and the MDE on Wednesday, September 18, 2019. [Online registration](#) is now open, and early registration is available through June 30, 2019. Please plan to share this information with all who may be interested.

For questions and additional information, please contact the Office of Educational Supports, Special Populations Unit at 517-241-6974.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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