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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 3, 2020

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

FROM: Dr. Scott M. Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent
P-20 System and Student Transitions *SK*

SUBJECT: 2021 CTE Program Excellence in Practice Awards

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE) is accepting nominations for the 2021 Excellence in Practice Awards to be presented during the OCTE spring update on Wednesday, April 21, 2021. At this time, the event is scheduled to take place in Grand Rapids, pending the status of the pandemic.

There are two categories of awards:

1. The career and technical education outstanding program Excellence in Practice Award recognizes a successful, exemplary, state-approved career and technical education (CTE) program that demonstrates outstanding outcomes, produces measurable results, and leads to documented success in employment, postsecondary education, or apprenticeship.
2. The career and college readiness initiative Excellence in Practice Award recognizes outstanding practices, programs, or services that demonstrate exemplary support of career and college planning for students. These activities assist students in their academic readiness, connect students to their career cluster of interest, and link their career options and educational decisions to prepare them for high-wage, high-skill, in-demand careers.

Please complete and submit the [2021 CTE Program Excellence in Practice Awards Application](#) by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 25, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Muhammed Sadek, Education Consultant at sadekm@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors

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