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DATE: June 27, 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: REMC SAVE's Annual Device Purchasing Window is Open Through

September 30, 2019

All Michigan schools and districts are encouraged to take advantage of REMC SAVE's annual device purchasing program through September 30, 2019. REMC SAVE is provided as a service of the Regional Educational Media Centers Association of Michigan (REMC) for all Michigan schools. The project provides large volume contracts for a variety of educational resources, including furniture, school and office supplies, software and digital services, and technology.

Using the REMC SAVE Device Purchasing program aligns with Michigan's Top 10 in 10 Strategic Plan, Goal 4: Reduce the impact of high-risk factors, including poverty, and provide equitable resources to meet the needs of all students to ensure that they have access to quality educational opportunities.

By using REMC SAVE contracts, Michigan schools have saved nearly \$1 billion since 1990. Funds saved can be used in additional educational programming to extend additional learning opportunities to students.

Schools save both time and money using REMC SAVE, as the program provides bids compliant with the Michigan Revised School Code. The same legislation also provides local school districts with the authority to purchase using REMC contracts. All items and vendors are awarded through a sealed bid process by the REMC SAVE Bid Project and approved by the REMC Association.

For the most accurate, updated prices, visit <u>REMC SAVE</u>, sign in, and click on <u>SPOT</u>. All purchases must be made through the all-new, simplified SPOT program.

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Click the <u>HELP</u> button for more information about how to log in, how to make a purchase, and more. A document with all the awarded devices and related options is also available in the Buying Guide section at the bottom of the Help page.

For additional information or assistance, please contact <u>Karen Hairston</u>, Project Manager for REMC Device Purchasing at 517-927-1982 or <u>spot@remc.org</u>.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance