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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 27, 2021

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

FROM: William A. Pearson, Ed.D., Interim Deputy Superintendent
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports *WAP*

SUBJECT: Accelerated Learning Guidance for All Students

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce the release of the **third** set of informational guides on how to address student learning gaps through accelerated learning. The informational guides were developed by MDE in collaboration with educators and education partners throughout the state. The department highly recommends that districts focus their programming on accelerated learning rather than remediation.

The **third** set of informational guides are:

- Accelerated Learning with a Whole Child Perspective
- Preparing Young Children for Accelerated Learning with Strong Early Childhood Learning Opportunities

The pandemic and the shift to remote learning have widened the academic gap for many students in our state. Accelerated learning focuses on filling academic gaps by strategically preparing students for success with current grade-level content to move them forward on their intended grade-level trajectories.

The **first** set of informational guides was released in a [memorandum](#) dated May 7, 2021. The **second** set of informational guides was released in a [memorandum](#) dated May 17, 2021. The informational guides are posted on the [accelerated learning page](#) of the MDE website that will continue to be updated with additional guides and other resources.

For questions pertaining to accelerated learning, please contact Ruth Anne Hodges at hodgesr3@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors

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