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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 19, 2021

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

FROM: Delsa D. Chapman, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent 
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

SUBJECT: Accelerated Learning Guidance and Support

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

In an effort to support districts with providing accelerated learning opportunities for all students, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is offering a series of guidance documents that are hosted on the [accelerated learning page](#) of the MDE website. The following denotes the availability and release of four sets of guidance documents to date:

- May 7 Accelerated Learning Guidance Set #1 [memorandum](#)
- May 17 Accelerated Learning Guidance Set #2 [memorandum](#)
- May 27 Accelerated Learning Guidance Set #3 [memorandum](#)
- June 18 Accelerated Learning Guidance Set #4 [memorandum](#)

Further, MDE continues to update the website to include:

- Resources for teachers, districts, and schools
- Videos to introduce the strategies and guidance documents
- Professional learning webinar recordings to support implementation

MDE will continue to update the accelerated learning page on its website to provide educators with resources and tools to help to promote an accelerated learning environment that benefits student learning outcomes. Educators are encouraged to revisit the website throughout the year.

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District staff may also wish to review the accelerated learning page while planning their professional learning experiences for the 2021-22 academic year. For questions pertaining to accelerated learning, please contact Vic Bugni at bugniv@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors