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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 7, 2017

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

FROM: Sheila A. Alles 
Chief Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: Minecraft Licensing Application

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is excited to announce a partnership with Microsoft EDU to provide 150,000 to 300,000 free student licenses for the Minecraft Education Edition (M:EE) for one year. This version of the popular open world game, Minecraft, is specifically designed for education, containing features that make Minecraft more accessible and effective in a classroom or after-school program setting. This program aligns to the MDE's Top 10 in 10 Strategic Plan by enhancing access to effective technology tools that support deeper and personalized learning. The free licenses can be deployed in both Microsoft enabled districts, as well as Google classroom districts.

A competitive application process has been developed to identify the greatest impact of the program, as well as to support the distribution and deployment of these licenses. The application can be found at <https://fs27.formsite.com/t2MTj3/form2/index.html>.

The grant application is due no later than January 8, 2018. All local education agencies, intermediate school districts, public school academies, and career tech centers are eligible to apply for the M:EE licenses.

For more information regarding the application process please see <http://www.techplan.org/rdi/minecraft/>. If you have any questions please email or call Amanda Stoel (stoela@michigan.gov), Department Analyst in the Educational Technology Unit with the Office of P-20 Data and Information Management at (517) 241-3629.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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