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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 13, 2020

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: MI Safe Schools Roadmap – Best Practices for Quality Learning at a Distance – MEMO #COVID-19-089

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has collaborated with representatives from the Regional Educational Media Center Association of Michigan (REMC), the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL), and Michigan Virtual to provide a list of curated resources regarding best practices for quality learning at a distance, compiled from state and national providers.

As districts identify the professional development needs of their staffs around quality learning at a distance teaching, this collaborative has curated resources to support educators, administrators, and families. The curated resources provide considerations for learning at a distance teaching regarding instructional design, meeting the learners' social/emotional needs, accessibility, and family involvement, among other topics. The curated resources are located at [Best Practices for Quality Learning at a Distance](#).

For immediate questions regarding best practices for quality learning at a distance, local education agencies (LEAs), both traditional public and public charters, are encouraged to first reach out to their intermediate school district (ISD) staff, curriculum consultants, and/or instructional technology consultants. For more information from MDE, please submit questions to edtech@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
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