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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors
Career and Technical Education Administrators

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
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SUBJECT: Entrepreneurship Week

Governor Rick Snyder has declared February 18-25, 2012 as Entrepreneurship Week.

Michigan's heritage is rooted in creative ideas put into action: entrepreneurship. More than 70 percent of young Americans envision starting a business of their own. Entrepreneurship Week is a way to recognize, support, and nurture the fresh ideas of our students. The goal is to enable more of our youth to develop an entrepreneurial mindset and an operational business venture. Our students need to know they can become an entrepreneur in any career pathway they may choose.

Entrepreneurship education brings together the core academic, technical, and problem-solving skills essential for future entrepreneurs and successful workers in future workplaces. Young, creative minds can produce products and services that only need a dream, enthusiasm, and support to make them viable. Connecting education to economic growth industries is vital to Michigan's growth and prosperity and can be enhanced through entrepreneurship and small business creation.

For more information on secondary entrepreneurship programs, please contact Denise Teague, Office of Career and Technical Education, at: teagued@michigan.gov or telephone (517) 335-0381. Please visit: www.michigan.gov/octe to review and/or download the proclamation. You may also visit www.entre-ed.org to learn more.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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