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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 6, 2017

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

FROM: Sheila A. Alles, Chief Deputy Superintendent 

SUBJECT: Coaching Literacy: A Professional Learning Series

As the landscape of education continues to change, Michigan is on a journey to become a Top 10 Education State in the next 10 years. The Michigan Department of Education, Michigan Virtual University and Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators General Education Leadership Network Early Literacy Task Force invites the following to participate in a professional learning series, *Coaching Literacy: A Professional Learning Series for K to 3*.

- District Literacy Coaches
- Intermediate School District (ISD) Literacy Coaches hired through the Michigan Department of Education Early Literacy Professional Learning Grant
- ISD Coach Supervisors

This series will provide engaging dialogue around high-quality instruction in every classroom that bring to life the Top 10 in 10 plan goals. Through participation in *“Coaching Literacy: A Professional Learning Series,”* participants will be able to:

- Define research and articulate reasons why research on literacy education should guide practice.
- Describe the purposes and meaning of the essential instructional practices in early literacy: K to 3.
- Demonstrate an understanding of instruction consistent with each essential literacy instructional practice.
- Articulate connections between the K to 3 essential instructional practices and multi-tiered systems of support.

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- Improve their ability to coach teachers around content within each of the essential literacy instructional practices.
- Build relationships to support a statewide literacy coaching network.

There will two opportunities to initiate participation in the Professional Learning Series: September 11-14 or September 25-28, 2017. Please find more information about *“Coaching Literacy: A Professional Learning Series”* on the following link:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Early_Lit_Flyer_2017_Digital_577636_7.pdf

If you have questions about this professional learning series, please contact Laural Triebel at triebelle@michigan.gov or Lisa Brown at brownl30@michigan.gov

cc: Michigan Education Alliance