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MEMORANDUM

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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 Supports

SUBJECT: Code of Educational Ethics Blog and Resources

The Office of Educator Excellence is pleased to share available resources to support the [Michigan Code of Educational Ethics](#).

1. In cooperation with the Firecracker Foundation, the Michigan Department of Education has released training materials for [Mandated Reporting](#) and Appropriately Handling Disclosure, including [vignettes](#) and an accompanying [presentation](#).
2. The National Education Association has partnered with Digital Promise to create a micro-credential, based on the five principles of the Michigan Code of Educational Ethics. This [free resource](#) was created by educators for educators and is open to the public.
3. The National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) has announced the launch of a new regular blog [Ethics and Educators](#). *Ethics and Educators* is a new national blog designed to explore the tensions of professional practice in today's PK-12 schools.
4. The NASDTEC has also made available a series of podcasts, including:
 1. Focusing on Ethics: Smartphones in the Classroom
 2. Blurred Lines: Protecting Educators from Social Media Mishaps
 3. An Intentional Focus on Mitigating Risks [webinar]

All of these resources are available on the [Michigan Department of Education Code of Educational Ethics website](#). For more information about the resources or the Michigan Code of Educational Ethics, please contact the educator helpline at 517-241-5000 or MDE-EducatorHelp@Michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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