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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 3, 2020

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

FROM: William A. Pearson, Ed.D., Interim Deputy Superintendent
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports *WAP*

SUBJECT: "Coding for Kids" Virtual Event

Every year on the second Monday in December, computer science education week (CSEdWeek) engages K-12 students around the world in computer science with hour of code activities by providing interesting hour-long coding tasks for students. This year, the Michigan accelerate computer science (MACS) collaboration is encouraging Michigan students to complete an online computer program lesson with the "Coding for Kids" Virtual Event on Friday, December 11, 2020.

"Coding for Kids" is also an attempt to break a Guinness world record by having the most people complete a computer science lesson within 24 hours. MACS is reaching out to educators of all content areas to help their students sign up with parental permission. Educators can find details on how to engage their students with a computer science lesson in the [MACS Educator Flyer](https://bit.ly/3lJkegb) (<https://bit.ly/3lJkegb>).

For more information from the MACS, please see the [MACS website](https://www.miacceleratecs.com/) (<https://www.miacceleratecs.com/>). For more information from the Michigan Department of Education, please submit your questions to the department's technology unit at MDE-Edtech@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
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