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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
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SUBJECT: New Legislation Allowing District-Provided Professional Development
(DPPD) Reported as Instructional Time

Effective October 1, 2019, Section 101(10) of the State School Aid Act, MCL 388.1701(10), adopted by the state legislature, was amended to include new provisions. According to the new law, a district may count up to 38 hours of qualifying professional development time for teachers as hours of pupil instruction, if all of the following requirements are satisfied:

- A district-wide professional development advisory committee appointed by the district school board recommends at least 8 hours of the professional development. The advisory committee must be composed of teachers employed by the district who represent a variety of grades and subject matter specializations, including special education; nonteaching staff; parents; and administrators. The majority membership of the committee shall be composed of teaching staff.
- The professional development hours are used to offset instructional time for pupils whose teachers participated in the professional development.
- The professional development is aligned to the school or district improvement plan for the school or district in which the professional development is being provided.
- The professional development is linked to one or more criteria in the evaluation tool developed or adopted by the district or intermediate district under Section 1249 of the Revised School Code, MCL 380.1249.

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- The Michigan Department of Education has approved the professional development and confirmed that it may be counted for state continuing education clock hours (SCECH).
- Not more than a combined total of 10 hours of the professional development takes place before the first scheduled day of school for the school year and after the last scheduled day of school for that school year.
- No more than 10 hours of qualifying professional development takes place in a single month.
- At least 75% of teachers scheduled to participate in the professional development are in attendance.
- Qualifying professional development must exceed five hours in one day.
- If the professional development is provided online, the district must have approved the instruction.

Districts that are not already approved SCECH Sponsors that wish to register upcoming DPPD as SCECHs, must first submit a [SCECH Sponsor Application](#). As part of the application process, the district will select a SCECH coordinator who will upload attendance information for DPPD events.

For support registering your DPPD as SCECHs please contact 517-241-5000 or MDE-EducatorHelp@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance