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TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors
Local Education Agency Principals

FROM: Sheila A. Alles 
Chief Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: Early Literacy Professional Learning Module Rollout

The Department of Education, in conjunction with their professional learning early literacy partners, is pleased to announce the roll out of a series of online modules developed to support K-3 teachers and administrators in the essential instructional practices necessary for good literacy instruction. The Introduction and Module I are available today at <http://literacyessentials.org/>. The additional nine modules will roll out about every two weeks over the upcoming months. This free resource includes slides, narration, and video clips of Michigan teachers utilizing the practices in their classrooms.

Educators can choose to view this series independently or as part of a study group. The ISD and local literacy coaches have already begun work to facilitate the use of the modules in ways that districts find most appropriate. Teachers who want to earn SCECHs around the work can enroll in the series and complete additional activities beyond the actual viewing of the training modules.

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Look for additional announcements as each module in the series is released. We are also looking forward to the next module series which will focus on Pre-K Literacy Essentials. We anticipate that series will be ready in spring 2018. Specific questions may be directed to Laurel Triebal at Trieball@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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