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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** April 10, 2020

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

**FROM:** Michael F. Rice, Ph.D.   
State Superintendent

Dr. Scott M. Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent   
P-20 System and Student Transitions

**SUBJECT:** Educating All Learners Alliance

As school buildings across the state remain closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, one of the core questions educators and school leaders are addressing is how to ensure learning continues for all students, including students with disabilities. [The Council of Chief State School Officers \(CCSSO\)](#) has joined nearly 30 education advocacy and disability rights organizations to form the *Educating All Learners Alliance*, dedicated to ensuring equity for all learners and the continuity of special education services during remote instruction.

[Educating All Learners](#) features an online hub of curated tools, strategies, tips, and best practices for supporting students with disabilities. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to share this new website with the educators and education leaders in our state. MDE's Office of Special Education (OSE) has additional resources available. These tools and ideas can be found at the following links:

1. OSE Resources  
[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/OSE\\_OnlineResources\\_686139\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/OSE_OnlineResources_686139_7.pdf)
2. IDEA Grant Funded Initiative Resources  
[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/OSE\\_GFI\\_OnlineResources\\_686140\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/OSE_GFI_OnlineResources_686140_7.pdf)

MDE recognizes the challenges facing our districts as well as our families and students as we work together to support education for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. If you have questions pertaining to special education, please call the MDE OSE Information line at 888-320-8384 or email our staff at [mde-ose@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-ose@michigan.gov).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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