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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *Carol*

SUBJECT: Student Engagement Institute Training

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE), through funding from the Safe and Supportive Schools (S3) grant, has partnered with the Neutral Zone, a non-profit teen center based in Ann Arbor, to work with S3 schools around youth engagement. **On June 18-19, 2013, the Neutral Zone will offer an introductory training to their teen/student "advisory council" model for any school building faculty.** The Student Engagement Institute training consists of concrete practices and strategies that can be applied to support an effective teen/student advisory council.

Results of the S3 student engagement work demonstrate increases in meaningful student involvement. Both students and staff feel like they have gained valuable skills and that real student-led change is happening as a result of these efforts in their buildings.

The training has been approved for 11 State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs) -- formerly known as 1.1 SB-CEUs.

For more information, please visit the Neutral Zone's website:
<http://www.neutral-zone.org/events/1082/student-engagement-institute>.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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