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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** October 8, 2015

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

**FROM:** Norma Jean Sass   
Deputy Superintendent, Education Services

**SUBJECT:** Michigan Department of Education Fall 2015 School Improvement Conference

The Michigan Department of Education will sponsor the Fall 2015 School Improvement Conference November 16-17, 2015, at the Lansing Center, Lansing, Michigan.

This year's conference theme is "The Faces of School Improvement: What do We Need to Support Student Success?" It will feature the producers and cast of *First Generation*, which tells the story of four high school students; an inner city athlete, a small town waitress, a Samoan warrior dancer, and the daughter of migrant field workers, who set out to break the poverty cycle and bring hope to their families and communities by pursuing a college education. For more information on *First Generation*, please visit: <http://firstgenerationfilm.com/>. Main conference topics and presentations include:

- School Systems Review/District Systems Review: Now What?
- Program Evaluation Tool: Digging Deeper
- Technology Planning Process
- Special Education
- AdvancED Updates: New Resources and Materials
- Practitioner Presentations featuring 2015/16 Title 1 Distinguished and Reward Schools
- National Presenters

If you have specific questions pertaining to this conference, please contact Diane Joslin-Gould at [Joslin-GouldD@michigan.gov](mailto:Joslin-GouldD@michigan.gov). Conference registration and information is available through the Michigan Institute for Educational Management's (MIEM) website at <https://miemonline.gomiem.org/miem/fallsiconference>.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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