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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 19, 2021

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

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

SUBJECT: Getting Started Workshop for New Early Middle Colleges

Early Middle College (EMC) programming is a five-year program of study that provides students the opportunity to blend high school and college courses. Students who complete the EMC program of study have a great opportunity to earn a postsecondary credential.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE), in partnership with the Michigan Early Middle College Association (MEMCA), is offering a full-day Early Middle College Getting Started Workshop for local education agencies (LEAs), both traditional public school districts and public school academies (PSAs), interested in opening a new EMC. The virtual event will be held on **Friday, October 22, 2021**.

Staff from MDE, MEMCA, and the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) will share the benefits of EMCs, various EMC models, and reporting requirements for EMCs in Michigan. MDE suggests that the following district staff would constitute an ideal EMC design team to participate: superintendent, counselor, postsecondary partner, teacher, and high school principal.

The Early Middle College program supports [Michigan's Top 10 Strategic Education Plan](#) to:

- Expand secondary learning opportunities for all students
- Increase the percentage of all students who graduate from high school
- Increase the percentage of adults with a postsecondary credential

The registration fee for the workshop is \$50.00 per person. Registration is now open and will close on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. To register, click <https://web.cvent.com/event/b8a1dc8c-89dd-457a-a0cb-7c85ae81c22e/summary>.

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The tentative agenda is as follows:

Early Middle College: Getting Started Workshop

October 22, 2021

Agenda

8:15 – 8:30	Log in and check audio/video capability
8:30 – 8:40	Welcome, Introduction of Presenters
8:40 – 8:45	Virtual Meeting Norms and Expectations
8:45 – 9:00	National Perspectives of EMCs Principles, Role of MEMCA
9:00 – 9:25	Overview of EMCs in Michigan NCREST Reports
9:25 – 9:35	Chat Q&A
9:35 – 9:45	Break
9:45 – 10:05	EEM and Student Data Reporting
10:05 – 10:30	Role of the EMC Coordinator
10:30 – 11:00	EMC Tool Kit/Planning Tool EMC Activity
11:00 – 11:30	Planning Tool Report Out & Chat Q&A
11:30 – 12:15	Lunch Break
12:15 – 12:30	MOUs Between Secondary & Postsecondary
12:30 – 12:45	Counselor Network & Wrap-Around Services
12:45 – 1:30	Review of EMC Application
1:30 – 2:30	Final Thoughts on Completing Quality Application EMC Coaching Chat Q&A

Please direct any questions to Lisa Seigel, Early Middle College manager in MDE's Office of Career and Technical Education, at seigell@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors