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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D. *V. Keesler*
Deputy Superintendent, Education Services

SUBJECT: Green Ribbon Schools Announcement

The Green Ribbon Schools program was launched in 2012 by the U.S. Department of Education to recognize schools that save energy and reduce operating costs, create environmentally friendly learning spaces, promote student health, and provide environmental education to incorporate sustainability into the curriculum.

Michigan Department of Education will participate again this year in the initiative. In 2011-2012, three Michigan schools received recognition awards: Clarkston High School, Detroit Edison Public School Academy, and Springfield Plains Elementary (Clarkston Public Schools). For 2013-2014 application materials, resources, and more, visit http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-6530_2629-271090--,00.html.

A webinar for interested applicants will take place October 11, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. It will be an opportunity to ask questions and seek clarifications in the requirements in the application. If you are interested in participating in the webinar, please email Janice Ambs at ambsj@michigan.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Patty Cantú, Director, Office of Career and Technical Education at cantup@michigan.gov or (517) 335-5224.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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