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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
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SUBJECT: Innovation Council

In December of 2015, the Michigan Department of Education [announced](#) that it had established an Innovation Council that would assist local districts wanting to provide creative educational practices to improve student outcomes. In order to reach this objective, the council is designed to be a supportive body that can advise districts on how to best formulate their creative models.

The council will assist by serving in advisory and problem solving capacity when reviewing proposed innovative ideas, help develop legislative agendas to support increased innovation, and aggregate and disseminate information regarding flexible and creative programming in education.

Districts may access the Innovation Council website at www.mi.gov/mde-ic. The site contains information about the council, as well as an application that can be used to submit innovative ideas for review. The members of the Innovation Council are looking forward to reviewing proposals from districts throughout the state.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Innovation Council, please contact Brian Barber and Brian Ciloski at mde-ic@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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