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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent 
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

SUBJECT: Announcing Michigan's Action Plan for Literacy Excellence (MAPLE)

In alignment with [Goal 2 of the Top 10 in 10 Years State Strategic Plan](#), the Michigan Department of Education's Literacy Team has finalized Michigan's Action Plan for Literacy Excellence (MAPLE). The MAPLE document is built from the 2010 MiLit Plan and offers an understanding of literacy in Michigan that spans from 1985 to current efforts. The new plan also includes the status of literacy achievement for Michigan students in preschool through grade 12. The plan serves to answer the question, "What is Michigan doing about literacy?" through actions surrounding the following three goals:

1. Align policies, funding, and resources
2. Support instructional skills
3. Develop a statewide literacy leadership network

You can access the MAPLE document by clicking on the maple tree at https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-28753_74161---,00.html.

If you have questions regarding MAPLE, please email MDE-EarlyLiteracy@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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