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MEMORANDUM

- **DATE:** June 6, 2019
- **TO:** Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents Public School Academy Directors
- **FROM:** Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent Unim Division of Educator, Student, and School Support
- **SUBJECT:** Michigan's Minecraft: Education Edition Summer 2019 Facilitated Educator Learning Opportunity

The Minecraft: Education Edition (M:EE) online, facilitated learning opportunity is designed to take an educator with little or no experience with Minecraft through the fundamentals of the game all the way through in-class implementation. Facilitators will guide cohorts of educators through the course, from navigating four lessons that guide educators through the process of exploring the game as a player to integrating the game into their own curriculum/grade level. The Minecraft Education Edition journey will capstone with you developing your own lesson plan that can be shared with other educators in the #GoOpenMichigan site. This activity supports the MDE Top 10 in 10 strategic plan by enhancing access to effective technology tools that support deeper and personalized learning.

The course will be five weeks, from July 8 through August 11 and will award educators who successfully complete it with 10 State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs). The experience of tech integration training, expansion of your professional learning community, and access to resources created by other Michigan educators, is FREE!

To Register, go to <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSerCoFC6R-</u> <u>lsUbfAPlvyog1Bgb_25HRKKgynVz6KKw50qfThQ/viewform</u>.

For more information regarding the Michigan M:EE Michigan Department of Education license pilot program and the M:EE application, go to <u>http://www.techplan.org/rdi/minecraft</u>. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Stoel at <u>stoela@michigan.gov</u> or 517-241-3629.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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