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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 10, 2016

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

**FROM:** Norma Jean Sass   
Deputy Superintendent, Education Services

**SUBJECT:** AdvancED Michigan and Michigan Department of Education  
Spring 2016 Regional School Improvement Conferences

AdvancED Michigan and the Michigan Department of Education's Office of Education Improvement and Innovation are co-sponsoring the Spring 2016 Regional School Improvement Conferences at the following sites:

- April 29, 2016 – Oakland Schools, Waterford
- May 3, 2016 – Kent Intermediate School District, Grand Rapids
- May 5, 2016 – Wayne County Community College, Downriver Campus, Taylor
- May 10, 2016 – Saginaw Valley State University, University Center
- May 11, 2016 – Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City
- May 16, 2016 – Van Buren Intermediate School District, Lawrence
- May 19, 2016 – Northern Michigan University, Marquette

This year's conference theme is "Engaging All Learners in the Continuous School Improvement Process." There will be presentations and updates from AdvancED Michigan and the Michigan Department of Education. Breakout sessions will highlight regional practitioners. Featured topics include:

- Assessment & Accountability
- Newly Approved Science Standards
- Title Funding & Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
- Continuous Planning & High Quality Monitoring
- Utilizing AdvancED Tools for Accreditation and Continuous Improvement
- Cultural Proficiency

If you have specific questions pertaining to this conference, please contact Diane Joslin-Gould at [Joslin-GouldD@michigan.gov](mailto:Joslin-GouldD@michigan.gov). Conference registration and information is available at [gomiem.org](http://gomiem.org).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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