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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 9, 2020

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

FROM: Michael F. Rice, Ph.D., State Superintendent 

SUBJECT: Top 10 in 10 years strategic plan review – Survey Available

During the September 2019 State Board of Education meeting, I highlighted the need for the department to facilitate a process to review and update Michigan's Top 10 in 10 strategic education plan. The Top 10 in 10 plan is the state's plan to drive improvement for Michigan's children. The current plan has been in place since February 2016 and has been the guiding document for Michigan's education efforts.

Input and feedback from the public are needed to update the current plan. A [survey](#) is now available for interested individuals who would like to help shape an updated strategic education plan.

Based on recent interviews with State Board of Education members, education stakeholders and partners, tribal partners, and MDE staff, potential goals were identified and are included within the survey.

A strategic plan drives priorities; concentrates energy and resources; strengthens operations; and sets measures of success to ensure all stakeholders are working together toward common goals.

It is my expectation, and that of the State Board of Education, that an updated plan is more streamlined and focused and will include measures that align with the goals to help us monitor progress toward becoming a top education state.

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We want to hear from the education community, and anyone interested in Michigan's public education system, about the goals that should be included within the updated plan. Please pass this information to your staff and the parents in your community and encourage their participation.

The [survey](#) will close on February 7, 2020. The link can be found on the MDE website at www.michigan.gov/top10in10. A draft of the updated plan is expected to be presented to the State Board of Education in late spring of 2020.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance