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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** January 26, 2021

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

**FROM:** William A. Pearson, Ed.D., Interim Deputy Superintendent *WAP*  
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

**SUBJECT:** U.S. Department of Education Releases Digital Learning Guides for  
Teachers and School Leaders - MEMO #COVID-19-154

The U.S. Department of Education (USED) has released two new resources to help teachers and school leaders continue to support students learning at a distance.

The [Teacher Digital Learning Guide](#) (Teacher Guide) provides resources to support educator-directed implementation of learning at a distance. Sections include:

- Access, Digital Citizenship and Safety, and Privacy & Security
- Personalize Learning for Students
- Collaborate with Parents and Families to Support Students
- Teacher Professional Learning and Well-being

The [School Leader Digital Learning Guide](#) (Leader Guide) is intended for leaders serving in various capacities, including but not limited to leaders of a school, a school district, or a unique education provider, and leaders who support learning at a distance.

Sections of the leader guide are focused on the broad categories of:

- Embrace Digital Learning Leadership
- Assess, Build, and Maintain Infrastructure
- Personalize Learning for Students
- Collaborate with Parents and Families to Support Students

Teachers and leaders are encouraged to utilize these resources as another tool to support learning at a distance. The website version of the guides contains helpful 30-second summaries. Both guides complement the [Parent and Family Digital Learning Guide](#) previously released by USED.

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Questions about these resources can be directed to the educational technology unit at the Michigan Department of Education's office of systems, evaluation, and technology at [MDE-Edtech@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-Edtech@michigan.gov).

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