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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 1, 2019

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: EduPaths and iKeepSafe Partner to Create Free Online Courses on Student Data Privacy for Educators

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has partnered with EduPaths, Michigan's free online professional development portal for educators, and the Internet Keep Safe Coalition (iKeepSafe) to bring four online courses centered around student data privacy to Michigan educators. This series of courses is designed to give education stakeholders the tools they need to be aware of privacy concerns and keep students safe. The courses cover the necessary information all educators must know in order to keep student data safe in an increasingly digital learning environment, including educators' legal requirements related to student data privacy. The courses support Michigan's Top 10 in 10 Strategic Plan Goal 3: Develop, support, and sustain a high-quality, prepared, and collaborative education workforce.

The first two courses, *Introduction to Data Privacy in Education* and *Reviewing EdTech Products for Data Privacy*, are designed for all K-12 education stakeholders - teachers, support staff, administrators, and school board members. The third course, *Data Privacy for Educational Leaders*, is geared towards school and district administration and school board members. The final course, *Facilitating Educator Data Privacy Training*, provides the information and resources necessary for a staff member to lead training around student data privacy in their school or district.

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The iKeepSafe courses are 30 minutes each and self-paced, allowing educators to enroll and complete the courses at a convenient time and place. State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs) are available for the courses at no cost through EduPaths.

All Michigan educators can [create a free account on EduPaths](https://www.edupaths.org/) (<https://www.edupaths.org/>) and access the courses at the links below:

- [iKeepSafe Data Privacy in Education Course #1: Introduction to Data Privacy in Education](#)
- [iKeepSafe Data Privacy in Education Course #2: Reviewing EdTech Products for Data Privacy](#)
- [iKeepSafe Data Privacy in Education Course #3: Data Privacy for Educational Leaders](#)
- [iKeepSafe Data Privacy in Education Course #4: Facilitating Educator Data Privacy Training](#)

For more information or questions regarding the EduPaths and iKeepSafe Courses please contact Amanda Stoel at stoela@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance