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TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents

Public School Academy Directors

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Division of Educator, Student, and School Support

SUBJECT: Introducing iPads in Action

The REMC Association of Michigan is pleased to introduce <u>iPads in Action!</u> iPads in Action helps teachers fully utilize the functionality of iPads in the classroom, and beyond.

"In response to the continued growth of iPads in education, we've redesigned the iPads in Action website to help educators fully utilize the functionality of iPads," said Lacey Khon, project manager and an Educational Technologist with REMC 12W. A team of educational technologists, along with an Apple Education partner, worked for nearly a year to research, develop, and deploy the updated website.

iPads in Action is designed to meet teachers and users at their skill level, with a webbased resource full of videos, step-by-step instructions, and directions on how to use virtually every iPad feature.

Since Apple launched iPad in 2010, millions have made their way into classrooms. iPads inspire creativity and hands-on learning, according to Apple. And iPads are bringing documented improvement to student achievement while providing schools and districts with additional benefits:

- Improvement in academic performance
- Increase in engagement and motivation
- Rise in cost savings and resource efficiency
- Integrated focus on content quality and design

Lessons come to life with touch, motion, and sound. Teacher resources, insights from fellow educators, and personalized support help teach every subject, from reading to

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coding, in ways that kids really get. All of which makes those magical, a-ha moments happen much more often.

What can you expect from iPads in Action?

Powerful software. Powerful educators. Powerful futures. Here's how:

- Explore iPad settings Discover what each item in the settings of your iPad does.
- **Explore iPad basics** Dive into the inner and outer workings, along with programs and user configurations that pair with the device for optimal learning.
- **Explore iPad apps** Delivers descriptions as to what each pre-loaded app programmed on the iPad consists of and does.

"Whether you are new to iPads or an experienced user, iPads in Action helps you to unlock the full potential of using iPads in the classroom," Mrs. Khon explained. "It features an in-depth review of iPad basics, settings, and built-in apps that can be leveraged for integration of iPads in the classroom."

The iPads in Action development team will continue to provide additional content and updates to the website and is eager to hear what teachers think of this new and improved resource!

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iPads are intuitive and easy to use with just a little bit of instruction. Let iPads in Action be your one-stop-shop! For more information or to get started, visit https://www.remc.org/ipadsinaction/ or contact ipadsinaction@remc.org.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance