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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors
Local Education Agency Principals

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent 
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports (DESSS)

SUBJECT: Education-Related Professional Development Credit for School Safety Training

In light of recent school events around the nation, and in support of Goal #3 of the Top 10 in 10 to develop, support, and sustain a prepared workforce, school safety training has been approved for professional development credit for the current and upcoming academic years (2017-2018, 2018-2019) for use when renewing or progressing an educator certificate.

Traditionally, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has only approved Education-Related Professional Development that meets the definition of Administration Rule 390.1101, "...an educational opportunity intended to improve a teacher's practice and capacity to perform the work within the profession of education" and following the established MDE expectations for quality professional development:

Quality Professional Development:

- Is for the purpose of enhancing teaching and learning.
- Is consistent with building and district school improvement plans and, when applicable, AdvancEd goals and district strategic plans.
- Is part of an ongoing comprehensive professional development plan that addresses the long-term professional needs of the individual as well as the long-term change of practice in the building and district.
- Is characterized by the knowledge of educational needs of students, the study of proven research and inclusive of the best use of new technologies.
- Includes best principles of adult learning that includes design by the educators and non-teaching staff for whom the professional development is intended.
- Occurs when educators and non-teaching staff collaborate and share knowledge with each other.

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- Requires ongoing reflection.
- Is helpful to all school staff as they work to meet the needs of students who learn in different ways and come from diverse backgrounds.

Districts may credit educators for school safety training provided to staff during this academic year and in 2018-19 as [District Provided Professional Development](#) (DPPD). Additionally, providers may submit for [State Continuing Education Clock Hour](#) (SCECH) approval. As always, SCECH credit for educators will need to be pre-approved by the MDE and registered with a sponsor prior to the start of the program.

If you have any questions, please contact Rebekah Emmerling in the Office of Educator Excellence at 517-241-3384 or EmmerlingR@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance