



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
LANSING

GRETCHEN WHITMER  
GOVERNOR

MICHAEL F. RICE, Ph.D.  
STATE SUPERINTENDENT

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 24, 2022

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

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

**SUBJECT:** Comprehensive History Instruction Webinar Series

Our children deserve to learn about the full breadth of U.S. and world history. As educators, we have not just the right but the responsibility to teach them this full breadth of history, including race, racism, sexism, and other difficult and challenging subjects.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is hosting a webinar series in collaboration with institutions of higher education, cultural centers, and the 12 federally recognized tribes of Michigan that form the Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Departments to assist educators with the teaching of and learning about comprehensive history through thematic instruction.

This webinar series will help educators learn more about historical movements, events, and peoples that are part of the rich, diverse history of our country and world.

Each webinar session will feature a unique presentation on a given subject. Educators interested in a given topic are encouraged to attend all sessions associated with the topic. Presenters will help educators learn more about movements in and aspects of history about which the latter may have had little if any background.

Registration is now open to all educators for the free virtual webinar series, with the understanding that the content may be more useful for teachers of particular grade levels than others.

- *Remembering the Holocaust: Never Forget to Never Repeat*
  - Wednesday, April 13, 20, 27: 4-5 p.m. on April 13 and 27; 3:30-4:30 p.m. on April 20.

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

CASANDRA E. ULBRICH – PRESIDENT • PAMELA PUGH – VICE PRESIDENT  
TIFFANY D. TILLEY – SECRETARY • TOM MCMILLIN – TREASURER  
JUDITH PRITCHETT – NASBE DELEGATE • ELLEN COGEN LIPTON  
NIKKI SNYDER • JASON STRAYHORN

608 WEST ALLEGAN STREET • P.O. BOX 30008 • LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909  
www.michigan.gov/mde • 833-633-5788

- *Maawndoonganan: Using the Indigenous-Developed Social Studies Resource Guide to Teach "To and About First Peoples"*
  - Wednesday, June 29: 4-5:30 p.m.

Additional webinars on other topics will be announced in the coming months.

As members of a diverse state, nation and world, staff and students need to know our rich, complex history. An essential part of MDE's efforts to improve comprehensive history instruction is to support teachers with opportunities to expand their knowledge of particular areas.

Michigan educators can share the [flyer](#) for the first series and register for each webinar by visiting the conference registration pages:

- **Register by April 11, 2022:** [Remembering the Holocaust: Never Forget to Never Repeat](#)
- **Register by June 27, 2022:** [Maawndoonganan: Using the Indigenous-Developed Social Studies Resource Guide to Teach To and About First Peoples](#)

SCECHs will be available for those who attend.

The webinar series has the support of: Michigan Education Association, AFT Michigan, Michigan Council for the Social Studies, Michigan Council for History Education, Michigan Association for Media in Education, Library of Michigan, Michigan Academic Library Association.

If you have questions regarding this support for the Teaching Comprehensive History learning series, please contact the social studies team at [MDE-TeachingComprehensiveHistory@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-TeachingComprehensiveHistory@michigan.gov).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance  
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Departments