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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 11, 2022
TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors
FROM: Delsa D. Chapman, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent *DDC*
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports
SUBJECT: 2022 Special Populations Conference Registration Announcement

Registration for the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) 2022 Special Populations Conference is now open. The conference supports Michigan’s Top 10 Strategic Education Plan by providing professional learning, technical assistance, and opportunities for collaboration and networking to support the school, district, and intermediate school district staff in designing, implementing, and evaluating programming and services that best meet the unique needs of Michigan’s special populations of students.

The main conference will be held in-person at the Kellogg Conference Center in East Lansing, MI, from September 22-23, 2022. A virtual option will be provided that will include access to pre-recorded content, some live sessions, and additional recorded sessions following the conference. Participants may choose to attend in-person or virtually. In-person registrations will include full access to all the virtual content.

A preconference focused on English learner (EL) newcomers will be offered in addition to the conference. This session will be offered in-person only due to the content and activities.

The EL preconference and Special Populations main conference dates and times are:

EL Preconference September 21	9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. ET
Main Conference Day 1 September 22	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. ET
Main Conference Day 2 September 23	8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. ET

Note: In-person check-in and breakfast open at 7:30 a.m. for the main conference and 8:00 a.m. for the preconference.

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Registration through Eventbrite is available [here](#).

EL Preconference (in-person only)	\$75
Main Conference (in-person and online access)	\$125
Main Conference (online access only)	\$75

All attendees will receive two emails: one registration confirmation email and one email that includes the invitation to the conference's virtual platform, SCHED.com. The second email will arrive in September.

The SCHED invitation allows registrants to:

- review the available conference sessions
- review the conference session descriptions
- create an attendee profile
- add conference sessions to their agenda
- access conference sessions within their agenda
- review speaker biographies
- network with other attendees

Conference sessions in SCHED are labeled pre-recorded, hybrid, online-only, or in-person only. Any refunds or registration transfers must be made through the Eventbrite registration portal by September 13, 2022.

Please contact the Special Populations Conference planning committee with questions at OESSpecialPops@michigan.gov or 517-241-6977.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Departments