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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 8, 2024

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Delsa D. Chapman, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent
Division of Assessment, School Improvement, and Systems Support

SUBJECT: 2024 Special Populations Conference Registration Announcement

Registration for the Michigan Department of Education 2024 Special Populations Conference is open. This year's conference theme is "Pathways Through a Changing Landscape," which honors the diverse strengths reflected in all of Michigan's children and educators and supports Goal 5 of [Michigan's Top 10 Strategic Education Plan](#), to increase the percentage of all students who graduate from high school. The registration link and additional conference details are posted on the Office of Educational Supports [Special Populations website](#) under Events.

The main conference will be held at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing October 15-16, 2024. Two pre-conference sessions will be offered on October 14, 2024. The preconference sessions will focus on English learners and students experiencing homelessness. Both preconference sessions will be offered in addition to the conference and require a separate registration. Due to the content and activities, preconference sessions will be offered in-person only.

Preconference and main conference dates and times are:

Pre-conference	October 14	8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Main Conference Day 1	October 15	8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Main Conference Day 2	October 16	8:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

Registration Fees:

Pre-conference (in-person only): \$ 80

Main Conference (in-person and online access): \$180

Main Conference Limited Post access (online access only): \$25

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

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Departments