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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** May 17, 2021

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

**FROM:** William A. Pearson, Ed.D., Interim Deputy Superintendent  
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

**SUBJECT:** Accelerated Learning Guidance for All Students MEMO #COVID-19-192

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce the release of the **second** set of informational guides on how to address student learning gaps through accelerated learning. The informational guides were developed by MDE in collaboration with educators and education partners throughout the state. The department highly recommends that districts focus their programming on accelerated learning rather than remediation.

Here is the second set of informational guides:

- Accelerated Learning through Student Engagement
- Assessment Practices for Accelerated Learning

The pandemic and the unplanned shift to remote learning have widened the academic gap for many students in our state. Accelerated learning focuses on filling academic gaps by strategically preparing students for success with current grade-level content to move them forward on their intended grade-level trajectories.

The release of the first set of informational guides took place in a [memorandum](#) dated May 7, 2021. The informational guides are posted on the [accelerated learning page](#) of the MDE website that will continue to be updated with additional guides and other resources.

For questions pertaining to accelerated learning, please contact Ruth Anne Hodges at [hodgesr3@michigan.gov](mailto:hodgesr3@michigan.gov).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance  
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