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MEMORANDUM

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

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

SUBJECT: Announcing the *Michigan Department of Education Early Literacy Coaching Model*

In alignment with [Goal 2 of the Top 10 in 10 Years State Strategic Plan](#) and as part of the requirements of [MCL.380.1280f](#) (Read by Grade Three Law), the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) was tasked with developing or recommending an early literacy coaching model. To complete the task, the MDE assembled a team of internal and external stakeholders who offered varied perspectives around literacy coaching. The team examined coaching resources and research, to create [The Michigan Department of Education Early Literacy Coaching Model](#). The model is aligned to the General Educational Leadership Network (GELN) Early Literacy Task Force (ELTF) *Essential Coaching Practices in Elementary Literacy* and supports the Essential Instructional Practices in Early Literacy. The purpose of the model is to support Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) and Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) to understand and implement research-supported literacy coaching practices that support strong coaching programs and drive professional learning around literacy coaching throughout the state.

The model includes the following:

- Introduction
- Coaching Model Graphic and Video
- Coaching Continuum
- Philosophy
- Values/Guiding Principles
- Desired Outcomes

The Michigan Department of Education Early Literacy Coaching Model is not a coach's evaluation tool and should be read and used in its entirety to ensure proper implementation.

If you have questions regarding the *Michigan Department of Education Early Literacy Coaching Model*, please email Laural Triebel triebelle@michigan.gov and Lisa Brown brownl30@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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