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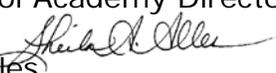
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 10, 2018

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

FROM: Sheila A. Alles 
Interim State Superintendent

SUBJECT: Educational Technology Professional Development Opportunities

Strategic Partnerships are a key focus area of the Michigan Top 10 in 10 Strategic Plan. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE), Office of Systems, Evaluation, and Technology (OSET), Educational Technology Unit (Ed Tech) is committed to engaging with strategic partners to create a shared vision for 21st century learning that leverages technology and other resources to support learning, teaching, and assessing. The OSET, Ed Tech Unit would like to highlight our International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) state affiliate to connect their services, resources, and professional development opportunities to the Michigan schools.

The Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL) is a 501c3 non-profit organization that is dedicated to bringing educators from all levels together to share their knowledge. Their primary focus is to support educators identify sound educational practices related to technology and help them understand the implications of rapidly changing technology. MACUL meets their mission by providing professional development opportunities, grants, awards, advocacy, and professional networking. Their next professional development opportunity is GoogleFEST Farmington on June 19, 2018. To learn more about MACUL's services and supports visit: www.macul.org.

The Michigan Association for Media in Education (MAME) is the statewide association for school library media specialists. They are dedicated to working with the MDE to support school librarians and media specialists. They are a membership organization that provides members with resources to support their students with the best possible media services. They will be hosting their School Librarians: Leading the Way Conference in Troy, Michigan on October 24-26, 2018. For more information on MAME visit: www.mimame.org/.

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The Regional Educational Media Center Association of Michigan (REMC) is a 501c3 non-profit organization that believes it must provide proactive leadership to Michigan educational community by participating with other organizations in building a vision that supports quality teaching and learning. REMC provides collaborative purchasing, classroom tools, and professional learning opportunities. REMC's upcoming professional development opportunities are listed below.

- [2018 Maker Summit: Building Community](#)

Cost: Free

June 20, 2018

9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Battle Creek Math and Science Center
171 Michigan Ave.
Battle Creek, MI 49017

Join REMC for the 2018 Classroom Makers Summit! The inaugural Maker Summit will focus on educators, specifically Michigan classroom teachers, that have integrated making into their teaching practice. The day will allow attendees to explore maker-centered tools and trends, gain valuable resources and connect with maker-minded educators. Staying true to the spirit of the [REMC Classroom Makers](#) project, the Summit will offer plenty of hands-on opportunities. If you are interested in the maker movement and looking for ways to infuse hands-on learning into your classroom, mark your calendar to attend the 2018 Maker Summit presented by REMC Association's Classroom Makers! 5 SCECHs

- [Everyone Can Code](#)

Cost: Free

June 20-27, 2018

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Grand Ledge Public School Administration Building
220 Lamson Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Coding is an essential skill for today's students and learning to code can teach them how to solve problems and work together in creative ways. These fun two-day workshops, delivered by Apple Professional Learning Specialists, will help you get started teaching code.

For more information on REMC visit: www.remc.org.

cc: Education Alliance