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MEMORANDUM

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

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

SUBJECT: Educator Evaluations and Student Growth Collaborative Workshop

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is offering a Session 1 make-up workshop opportunity for district and building leadership teams to collaboratively develop district plans for measuring student growth for educator evaluations. These collaborative teams will develop a framework using the MDE guidance and work-products for measuring student growth for educator evaluations through the implementation of student learning objectives.

This is an opportunity for teams who were unable to participate in the original offering of Session 1 that occurred in October 2017, but would like to participate in Sessions 2 and 3. The second sessions of the workshop are scheduled in Lansing, Grand Rapids, Wayne County, Paw Paw, Saginaw, and Indian River in late January and early February. The repeat opportunity for Session 1 will be held at the Michigan Department of Education in Lansing on January 22nd (9:00-3:00).

To register your team for the session one make-up opportunity please contact Shelby Lee at MDE-EdEvals@michigan.gov.

Attendees will develop district-level plans requiring collaboration with multiple stakeholders. Teams should aim to include each of the following stakeholders:

- Central Office Representative (decision-maker at central office level representing curriculum and instruction)
- Building Principals (preferably one representing each school building)
- Teacher Leaders (preferably two from each school building)

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Workshop Focus:

- Guided engagement in the components of a student growth framework
- The formation and organization of district-level student learning objective teams
- Work session focused on the development of the assessment inventories
- Facilitated presentation and interactive activities for defining success criteria and growth targets in schools
- Demonstration of MDE's student growth calculator tool

This workshop offers 6 State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs) and was developed in collaboration with Michigan Education Association, Michigan Association of School Administrators, American Federation of Teachers, Michigan Association of School Boards, and Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association.

To learn more about Sessions 2 and 3, please visit: <http://gomasa.org/events/> or contact Rebekah Emmerling at 517-241-3384 or Emmerlingr@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance