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TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
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FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent 
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

SUBJECT: #GoOpen Michigan Microsite Launch

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE), Office of Systems, Evaluation, and Technology (OSET), Educational Technology (Ed Tech) Unit, in collaboration with its #GoOpen Michigan strategic partners, announces the launch of the #GoOpen Michigan Microsite, <https://goopenmichigan.org/>. The #GoOpen Michigan Microsite is a virtual library of openly licensed educational resources (OER), as well as a collaboration space for Michigan educators who are dedicated to using high-quality, standards aligned OER. The microsite will allow educators and students to:

- browse curated collections that are aligned to Michigan content standards. These collections feature content such as the [MI Open Book Project](#), the [MAISA Units](#), [MI Star](#), [Phenomenal Science](#), [21Things4Students](#), among other homegrown curricular resources as well as others from nationally recognized curriculum providers;
- discover OER – including everything from discrete objects to lessons to full textbooks and course materials – which can be reused, revised, remixed, and redistributed;
- participate in a community of practice to share ideas on how to incorporate OER into teaching and learning;
- collaborate to create new OER.

The #GoOpen Michigan Microsite was selected through a rigorous process to ensure that it has a robust search feature, an intuitive user interface, OER evaluation features, interoperability, and analytics. The [#GoOpen MI Strategy Team](#) was critical to the microsite selection and development.

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Michigan's commitment to the United States Department of Education's #GoOpen Campaign launched in 2016 continues to be realized as this work moves forward. The #GoOpen Michigan initiative supports schools and educators in the transition to using high-quality OER. This initiative aligns to all four focus areas of Michigan's Top 10 in 10 strategic plan, specifically goal 2, strategy 6 and 7.

For questions regarding access to the microsite contact Becky Wartella, Department Technician, OSET at wartellar@michigan.gov or by phone at 517-241-6966.

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