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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** June 7, 2018

**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:** Innovation EdLab 2018

The Michigan Department of Education has collaborated with the Center of Innovation for Education, a Michigan 501c3, to host Innovation EdLab 2018. Innovation EdLab will focus on the advancement and exploration of Competency-Based Education (C-BE), and the role of a talent transcript/talent portfolio or mastery transcript in supporting student success. The conference will be held at the Radisson Hotel Lansing at the Capitol on Monday, June 25, 2018. This conference will allow participants to learn about C-BE with state and national experts who will share what they have learned related to engaging teachers, parents, and students to promote achievement and to demonstrate how competency is reported. These experts include:

- Rose Colby, Author of Competency-Based Education: A New Architecture for K-12 Schooling,
- Chris Sturgis, Competency Works, and
- Dr. Patricia DeKlotz, Superintendent, Kettle Moraine

This [registration link](#) includes additional details including a conference agenda. Please direct all questions to Debbie Quintieri at: [www.michigancie.org/contact-us](http://www.michigancie.org/contact-us).

This initiative aligns with the Michigan Department of Education Top 10 in 10 Years Goal #2, which states, "Implement, with strong district and building leadership, high-quality instruction in every classroom through a highly coherent, child-centered instructional model where students meet their self-determined academic and personal goals to their highest potential."

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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