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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** August 30, 2018

**TO:** Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents  
Public School Academy Directors  
Non-public School Administrators

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

**SUBJECT:** Event Invitation: Aligning K-12 and Higher Education Expectations for New Teachers

In support of Goal #3 in the Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) strategic plan, Top 10 in 10, which states, "Develop, support, and sustain a high-quality, prepared, and collaborative education workforce," you are invited to join the [Regional Educational Laboratory Midwest](#) and the [MDE](#) on October 23, 2018 for an event focused on aligning K-12 and educator preparation expectations for new teachers.

This event will cover existing research on new teacher competencies, information about high-leverage practices, and examples from Michigan educator preparation institutions and K-12 schools and districts working together to prepare novice teachers for success. Attendees will hear from a panel of higher education and K-12 partners and engage in facilitated table discussions in which participants will consider how they could more effectively partner with their counterparts to improve teacher preparation.

This event will be held on October 23, 2018, 12:30-4:30pm, at the Library of Michigan in Lansing, Michigan. State Continuing Education Clock Hours will be available for participants. Parking and snacks will be provided. Travel will not be reimbursed.

Event and registration information can be accessed at: <https://registration.airprojects.org/RELEvent/register.aspx>. For additional information, please contact Marguerite Huber at 312-288-7646 or [mhuber@air.org](mailto:mhuber@air.org).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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