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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** November 1, 2018

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

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

**SUBJECT:** The Michigan Minecraft: Education Edition Educator Academy

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) would like to invite educators using the Minecraft: Education Edition (M:EE) tool in their classroom to the M:EE One Day Educator Academy. This event will be offered four times across the state free to Michigan M:EE Pilot districts or \$25 for non-pilot districts. A list of pilot districts can be found at [www.techplan.org/rdi/minecraft](http://www.techplan.org/rdi/minecraft). The event locations and dates are as follows:

- November 12, 2018 – Oakland Schools
- November 13, 2018 – Genesee Intermediate School District
- November 14, 2018 – MEMSPA Office
- November 15, 2018 – Kent Intermediate School District

The Michigan M:EE Educator Academy will provide educators an opportunity to engage with the popular open world game, Minecraft, which is specifically designed for education, containing features that make Minecraft more accessible and effective in a classroom or after-school program setting. Educators will become familiar with the basic game mechanics through hands-on practice, as well as learn how to bring the game as an educational tool to their classrooms and deliver their first activity with Minecraft. This program aligns to the MDE's Top 10 in 10 Strategic Plan by enhancing access to effective technology tools that support deeper and personalized learning.

To register for the event visit <http://bit.ly/MichMinecraft>. A flyer for the event can be found at [http://www.techplan.org/downloads/pdfs/mi\\_mee\\_yr\\_2\\_kick-off\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.techplan.org/downloads/pdfs/mi_mee_yr_2_kick-off_flyer.pdf). If you have questions, please contact Amanda Stoel at [stoela@michigan.gov](mailto:stoela@michigan.gov).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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