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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** July 8, 2021

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

**FROM:** Michael F. Rice, Ph.D., State Superintendent 

**SUBJECT:** REMINDER – AASA Virtual SEL 2021-22 Cohort Summit

As national co-chair of the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) Social Emotional Learning (SEL) cohort, I am inviting you to attend and/or send members of your district team to the AASA virtual SEL summit on July 20 and 21. I also invite you to participate in this cohort for the 2021-2022 school year.

You can learn more about the summit and register [here](#).

As you are aware, SEL has become an increased focus of educators and policymakers in the last few years and particularly during the pandemic. In partnership with the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL) and with funding from the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, the cohort and participating districts seek to learn lessons from one another regarding the support of children through the five SEL competencies of self-awareness, awareness of others, self-management, relationship to others, and decision making.

To better understand and serve the needs of your students, I hope that you and your staffs will take advantage of participation in the July summit and/or the coming school year's SEL cohort. Thank you for your consideration of these opportunities.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance  
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