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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 18, 2021

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

FROM: William A. Pearson, Ed.D., Interim Deputy Superintendent
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports WAP

SUBJECT: Accelerated Learning Guidance for All Students – MEMO #COVID-19-199

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce the release of the **fourth** set of informational guides on how to address student learning gaps through accelerated learning. The informational guides were developed by MDE in collaboration with educators and education partners throughout the state. The department highly recommends that districts focus their programming on accelerated learning rather than remediation.

The fourth set of informational guides includes a single guide titled, *Focus on Essential Skills: A Strategy for Accelerated Learning*, along with two linked resources. One resource is titled *Model Essential Skills for English Language Arts* and the other is titled *Model Essential Skills and Concepts for Mathematics*. These three documents provide practical and useful guidance for educators on accelerated learning.

The pandemic and the shift to remote learning have widened the academic gap for many students in our state. Accelerated learning focuses on filling academic gaps by strategically preparing students for success with current grade-level content to move them forward on their intended grade-level trajectories.

This fourth set of informational guides is posted on the [accelerated learning page](#) of the MDE website that will continue to be updated with additional guides and other resources.

- The **first** set of guides was released in a [memorandum](#) dated May 7, 2021.
- The **second** set of guides was released in a [memorandum](#) dated May 17, 2021.
- The **third** set of guides was released in a [memorandum](#) dated May 27, 2021.

For questions pertaining to accelerated learning, please contact Ruth Anne Hodges at hodgesr3@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors

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