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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 10, 2021

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

FROM: Sheila A. Alles, Chief Deputy Superintendent 

SUBJECT: Accelerated Learning Webinar Series

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce its first series of webinars focused on accelerated learning. The webinar series is presented in collaboration with the [MiMTSS TA Center](#) and shares a common focus on strategically preparing students for success in grade-level content through the implementation of accelerated learning strategies.

The series will include five webinars featuring national speakers on accelerated learning topics and is free to all registrants.

- Tier 1 Grade Level Instruction: Essential Skills in English Language Arts
June 28, 2021 @ 3:00-4:00 P.M., guest presenter Dr. Sharon Vaughn
- Tier 1 Essential Math Skills
July 12, 2021 @ 12:00-1:00 P.M., guest presenter Dr. John Woodward
- Assessment Practices for Acceleration
July 26, 2021 @ 12:00-1:00 P.M., guest presenter Dr. Nancy Nelson
- Accelerating Student Learning Through Maximizing Student Engagement
August 9, 2021 @ 1:00-2:00 P.M., guest presenter Dr. Kevin Feldman
- Integrating Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Supports with Academics to Accelerate Student Learning
August 16, 2021 @ 2:00-3:00 P.M., guest presenter Dr. Clay Cook

More information on the webinar topics as well as registration details may be found on this [Accelerated Learning Webinar Series flyer](#). Participation in all five webinars is not required. Participants may select any number of webinars to attend.

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The webinars build upon the series of informational guides 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 information guides are posted on the [accelerated learning website](#) that will continue to be updated with additional guides and other resources.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors