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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** April 22, 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:** Advancing Equity: A Strategic Vision for English Learners

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is sharing a new resource created to provide entities in Michigan, including schools, districts, intermediate school districts, and education and community organizations, with a common vision to guide the work of stakeholders and families across the state when focusing on students who are English learners (EL).

*Advancing Equity: A Strategic Vision for English Learners* provides opportunities for all stakeholders to find a connection to their current work to support improving outcomes for students who are English learners.

The resource consists of four concise goals, each supported by a comprehensive set of strategies. Each strategy is supported by research-based actions thoroughly documented in the references section. Entities are encouraged to identify the strategy that best fits their current needs and design their own activities to meet the identified strategies.

Over the coming months, MDE will prepare supporting resources to enable stakeholders to make the best use of this document.

This document and other EL related resources can be found on MDE's EL webpage at [www.michigan.gov/mde-el](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-el).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance  
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors

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