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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 10, 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: Future Proud Michigan Educator *Explore* Curriculum Available

The Future Proud Michigan Educator (PME) *Explore* curriculum is now available to intermediate school districts (ISDs) and local education agencies (LEAs), both traditional public school districts and public school academies (PSAs).

The *Explore* curriculum is designed to assist ISDs and LEAs in the implementation of new educator programming for students in grades 6-12. *Explore* coursework offers increased access to programs through flexible implementation models, free curriculum, and free professional learning for educators. To learn more about the Future PME *Explore* curriculum, please access the full curricular resources through the [Future Proud Michigan Educator website](#).

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) recently launched the Future PME initiative, which aims to clarify the path to an educational career for four groups of aspiring educators: individuals working in pre-K-12 schools, career changers, educators transferring licensure from other states, and students in grades 6-12.

The newest models for students in grades 6-12, known as the *Explore* program, offer increased flexibility to schools and students. New pupil accounting language will support the *Explore* instructional models, including the opportunity for hybrid and out-of-school time learning.

MDE awarded grants to 44 districts for the development of *Explore* programs. The curriculum is available separately from the grant opportunity and is accessible to *all* districts and educators offering *Explore* programs, whether they received grant funding or not. Questions about the *Explore* curricular resources can be directed to Holly Carruthers at CarruthersH@Michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
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