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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** September 9, 2021

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

**FROM:** Delsa D. Chapman, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent   
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

**SUBJECT:** Michigan Department of Education Fall 2021 Virtual Continuous Improvement Conference, *Equity and Stakeholder Voice: Making Education More Engaging and Relevant for Students, Families, and Educators*

The Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) Office of Educational Supports (OES) invites you to participate in the MDE Fall 2021 Virtual Continuous Improvement Conference, *Equity and Stakeholder Voice: Making Education More Engaging and Relevant for Students, Families, and Educators* on Tuesday, October 19, 2021.

Addressing the conference theme will be keynote speaker Dr. Jal Mehta, professor of education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Dr. Mehta will be speaking on humane and equitable continuous improvement: *Why Tools Should Serve Humans and Vice Versa*.

The conference will also feature State Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice; and Dr. Seena Skelton, director of operations for Region III Midwest and Plains Equity Assistance Center, speaking on equity and continuous improvement: *Using Quantitative and Qualitative Data in an Equity-Centered Continuous Improvement Process*.

The conference will include recognition of the National Blue Ribbon School program awards. In addition, attendees will have an opportunity to participate in a variety of breakout sessions on equity and stakeholder voice.

For conference details and registration, please visit <http://gomasa.org/events/2021-mde-continuous-improvement-conference/>. If you have specific questions pertaining to this conference, please contact Ben Boerkoel at [boerkoelb@michigan.gov](mailto:boerkoelb@michigan.gov).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance  
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors

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