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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 11, 2021

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

FROM: William A. Pearson, Ed.D., Interim Deputy Superintendent *WAP*
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P-20 System and Student Transitions

SUBJECT: Family Engagement for Literacy Resources

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE), in partnership with the researchers and educational leaders from the Region 8 Comprehensive Center, has developed resources to help districts promote family engagement in literacy. These resources are intended to provide effective early literacy learning strategies for districts to use with families to support literacy learning at home.

The guidance documents are for PreK to grade 3 administrators and teachers and focus on key strategies for reading and writing at home. Additionally, the resources include handouts for districts to share with families for each strategy.

In the coming months, MDE will develop and field test professional learning for districts. The professional learning sessions will be designed to help educators use these resources with their local families.

The resources are available on MDE's Family Engagement for Literacy [website](#). For general questions and more information, please contact the Michigan Department of Education at MDE-EarlyLiteracy@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors

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