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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** June 24, 2021

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

**FROM:** William A. Pearson, Ed.D., Interim Deputy Superintendent *WAP*  
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

**SUBJECT:** SAVE THE DATES! Announcing the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual 2021 Special Populations Conference: *Leading Together Toward Tomorrow*

The Michigan Department of Education's (MDE), Office of Educational Supports (OES) is excited to announce the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Special Populations Conference: *Leading Together Toward Tomorrow*. The conference will focus on program coordination, best practices, early literacy, and networking. It will emphasize the following programs:

- Learners who are at-risk eligible (Section 31a)
- English learners and immigrant students (Title III, Section 41)
- Learners experiencing foster care (Title I, Part A)
- Learners experiencing homelessness (Title IX, Part A)
- Migratory children and youth (Title I, Part C)
- Learners in neglected and delinquent placements (Title I, Part D)

Please save the dates and plan to join us for this virtual professional learning opportunity Wednesday, September 22, 2021 – Friday, September 24, 2021. A link to the conference program will be available on the OES website and shared widely the week of July 25, 2021. Online registration opens on August 1, 2021, and the cost of the conference will be \$50 per participant.

For questions and additional information, please contact the special populations unit in the Office of Educational Supports at 517-241-6977 or email [OESSpecialPops@michigan.gov](mailto:OESSpecialPops@michigan.gov).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance  
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors

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