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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent 
Division of Educator, Student, and School Support

SUBJECT: Education-Related Professional Learning: Externships

In response to the June 26, 2017 Executive Directive from the State Superintendent detailing the implementation of recommendations of the Career Pathway Alliance, the Office of Professional Preparation Services (OPPS) has created a helpful guidance document relating to [educator externships](#). This document is also available on the [OPPS website homepage](#).

Externships provide real-life experiences for educators and help make instruction more relevant to their students. As a reminder, externships may be considered for non-traditional education-related professional learning within the [State Continuing Education Clock Hours](#) (SCECH) or within the local [District Provided Professional Development](#) (DPPD) systems.

For additional information on using externship experiences for SCECH or DPPD, please contact OPPS at 517-373-3310 or MOECSSupport@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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