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Dear Colleague:

I am pleased to introduce to you a new project, School Partnership Initiative, from the Michigan Council on Economic Education (MCEE) and the Michigan Jumpstart Coalition that will help your students become economically literate. The MCEE provides leadership in promoting and strengthening economic education; and the Michigan Jumpstart Coalition is comprised of organizations that are interested in promoting personal finance in kindergarten through twelfth grade. Both are nationally affiliated, non-profit organizations that are part of a large collaborative effort.

The purpose of the new School Partnership Initiative is to help promote personal finance education in public schools throughout our state. This effort will help bring partners from both the non-profit and business sectors into the schools offering services and educational tools, resources and training for students, teachers and parents.

Your district has been one of the first selected to receive the services of the MCEE and Michigan Jumpstart's collaborative effort which include educational programming for parents and students and professional development for staff. Informing and educating the children of our state in personal finance will build a stronger future and help increase self sufficiency.

The newly approved Social Studies Grade Level Content Expectations include a section on "personal finance." A footnote indicates personal finance expectations should be included in high school Economics and other elementary, middle, and high school courses.

I encourage you to welcome MCEE and the Michigan Jumpstart into your district. Together you can champion this effort and give your students relevant tools to help themselves to a brighter future.

Sincerely,

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