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Survey Opens for Public Input on Updating Top 10 Strategic Plan

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LANSING – An online <u>survey</u> is being offered for the public to help review and update Michigan's Top 10 in 10 strategic education plan, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) announced today.

"We're asking the public to help shape Michigan's education focus," said State Superintendent Dr. Michael F. Rice. "It is my expectation, and that of the State Board of Education, that an updated plan will be more streamlined and focused, and will have measures that align with the goals to help us monitor progress toward becoming a top education state."

Since February 2016, the current strategic education plan for making Michigan a Top 10 education state in 10 years has been the guiding document for Michigan's education efforts. During the September 2019 State Board of Education meeting, Dr. Rice expressed the need to review and update that plan.

The Top 10 in 10 plan is the state's plan to drive improvement in the education system for Michigan's children. That is why it is important, Dr. Rice said, to get input and feedback from the public.

Based on recent interviews with State Board of Education members, education stakeholders and partners, tribal partners, and MDE staff, potential goals were explored and are included within the survey for input.

A strategic plan drives priorities; concentrates energy and resources; strengthens operations; and sets measures of success to ensure all stakeholders are working together toward common goals.

The survey will close on February 7, 2020. The link can be found on the MDE website at www.michigan.gov/Top10in10. A draft of the updated plan is expected to be presented to the State Board of Education in late spring of 2020.