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SPECIAL MESSAGE

Dear Education Professional,

We stand ready to assist Michigan's education community as you make enrichment activities available for students as they shelter at home due to COVID-19. We are supporting you, too, with free courses so you can continue your professional learning.

Our 28 Regional Educational Media Centers have classroom resources and professional learning ready for you to use today. Please reach out to your local REMC Director for additional help with technology and edtech learning.

The local REMC or ISD staff often includes people who support the meaningful use of educational technology in the classroom. Together these people form a statewide team known as the REMC Instructional Technology Specialists (RITS). In general, these specialists provide: coaching, direct support for local educators, customized professional learning, and much more. They may also be available to assist you.

REMC's FREE Online Resources for Teachers to Use with Students*

[MiTechKids](#) **(Grades K-5)**

Short lessons, ideas, and resources for integrating technology in the K-5 classroom curriculum that is aligned with the [Michigan Integrated Technology Competencies for Students (MITECS)](#) and [ISTE Standards](#). MiTechKids provides step-by-step lesson plans, and search by content area or components.

- [MiTechKids Introduction - Video Tour](#)
- [MiTechKids Index - Video Tour](#)

[21 Things for Students](#) **(Grades 5-8)**

Activities and projects that help middle school students become knowledgeable about information literacy and digital citizenship skills with a focus on internet safety and cyberbullying.

- [Teacher Start Page](#)
- [Teacher Guides](#)
- [21 Things 4 Students Competencies & Standards](#)
- [21 Things 4 Students Index](#)

[Digital Citizenship Toolkit](#)**(Grades K-12)**

The Digital Citizenship Toolkit provides resources and guidance for educators as they help students recognize the rights, responsibilities, and opportunities of living, learning and working in an interconnected digital world.

[Media Literacy Toolkit](#) **(Grades K-12)**

The Media Literacy Toolkit is designed to support educators as they introduce students to the process of finding, organizing, using, producing, evaluating and distributing information in a variety of media formats.

* Please be sure to follow your district's direction on the use of the classroom resources with students.

REMC's FREE Resources to Help Teachers with Online Teaching and Learning

Learn at your own Pace

These independent learning units help educators make connections between technology tools and best practice instructional practices and can be used to teach others. Each unit takes approximately 10 hours to complete. As this is a self-guided course, there are no SCECHs available.

Two classes that may be especially helpful to teachers now:

- Extending your Classroom to the Cloud
- Making the most of your Google Classroom

MI Streamnet

Through MI Streamnet, teachers and students alike can access enriched and enhanced educational content, and districts can also upload their own locally produced content to shared statewide. There are also helpful tutorials for G-Suite including Gmail, Calendar, Hangouts, and more.

Two video resources that may be especially helpful to teachers now:

- Teaching Strategies for the Digital Age Classroom
- Classroom Management Tips and Strategies for the Digital Age

EduPaths Courses: Get Started with Online Instruction

EduPaths offers self-paced courses that include SCECHs and many courses are free. A number of courses focus on getting started with online instruction. Get started with EduPaths courses here.

Michigan Virtual

Michigan Virtual is providing free access to #GoOpen: Open Educational Resources in Michigan. Learn more about Open Educational Resource: how and why to use them, where to find them, and how to incorporate them into your instructional design. Enroll in the #GoOpen: Open Educational Resources in Michigan class here.

If you have questions or need other assistance or resources, please contact us. We're happy to help! Most of all, take care and stay well.

Respectfully,

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The **Regional Educational Media Center Association of Michigan** promotes the transformative use of technology and provides Michigan schools with access to educational resources to help teachers increase student success.

The REMC Association is made up of 28 Regional Educational Media Centers operated through intermediate school districts, working through local programs and

services and collaborating together on relevant statewide projects. As a catalyst for innovation, the REMC Association promotes equity and supports achievement and quality teaching through its collaborations as well as through leadership, future thinking and the visionary use of technology.

Questions? Let us know! We're happy to help.

Contact Us.