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

FROM: Mike Flanagan   
State Superintendent

SUBJECT: Michigan Teacher of the Year (MTOY) for 2015-2016

We need your help! Please help us identify and recognize Michigan's excellent teachers and the contributions they make to the success of the learning community.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) provides the nomination form that makes it easy for you, school parents, students, and other Michigan citizens to tell a great teacher that her/his efforts are recognized and appreciated. The MTOY Nomination Form is located at: [www.michigan.gov/mtoy](http://www.michigan.gov/mtoy). Just complete and submit. I would also like to encourage you to post this information on your website, in your faculty lounges, and in parent newsletters.

**The online nomination window opens September 25, 2014, and the submission deadline is October 30, 2014.**

Each nominated teacher will receive a letter of recognition from the State Board of Education and me, along with an invitation to apply for the position of 2015-2016 MTOY. If selected for that honor, the MTOY will be the spokesperson for all Michigan teachers, will participate in monthly State Board of Education meetings, and will travel to three national events involving Teachers of the Year from across the country. The MTOY will remain as a full-time employee of the district.

The MDE is grateful for the corporate support that Meemic has provided for this program.

Thank you for your assistance with these efforts to recognize excellent teachers. For timely responses to your questions, please email [mtoy@michigan.gov](mailto:mtoy@michigan.gov). You can also call (517) 373-8480 or contact Ann-Marie Smith at [smitha24@michigan.gov](mailto:smitha24@michigan.gov) or Barbara Fardell at [fardellb@michigan.gov](mailto:fardellb@michigan.gov).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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