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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 24, 2015

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

FROM: Brian J. Whiston 
State Superintendent

SUBJECT: Michigan Teacher of the Year for 2016-2017

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 Michigan Teacher of the Year (MTOY) nomination form is located at: www.michigan.gov/mtoy. Just complete and submit. I encourage you to post this information on your website, in your faculty lounges, and in parent newsletters.

The online nomination window opens September 24, 2015, and the deadline for submitting is October 22, 2015, at 11:59 p.m.

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 2016-2017 MTOY. If selected for that honor, the MTOY will be the spokesperson for all Michigan teachers, participate in monthly State Board of Education meetings, and travel to four national events involving Teachers of the Year from across the country. The MTOY will remain a full-time employee of the district.

The MDE is grateful for the corporate support of Meemic Insurance Company 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. You can also call 517-373-8480 or contact Ann-Marie Mapes at mapesa@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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