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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: All Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents and Public School Academy Administrators, Directors and Representatives of Teacher Education Programs

FROM: Joseph A. Martineau, Ph.D. *JAM*  
Deputy Superintendent, Accountability Services

SUBJECT: Educator Certification Update Meeting

The Office of Professional Preparation Services (OPPS) will be holding a meeting to provide updates of important information on the current issues impacting educators. This meeting will focus on educator preparation, certification, and school reform legislation, including district provided professional development and alternative routes.

The meeting will be held in Lansing on Wednesday, September 24, 2014, at the Radisson Hotel, Capital Ballroom, 111 N. Grand Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933. A block of rooms has been set aside for those needing overnight accommodations. Please ask for "Michigan Department of Education" when making reservations. The rate is \$109.95 per night. A map to the Radisson Hotel is attached for your convenience.

Also attached is a tentative agenda for your review. PLEASE NOTE: Registration is from 8:30 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. The meeting is scheduled from 8:50 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., followed by optional round table discussions until 12:30 p.m. Staff presentations will be followed by a question and answer period. A total of three State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs) will be made available to any attendee who requests them. There is a registration fee of \$50.00. To register for this event please go to: [www.gomiem.org](http://www.gomiem.org)<<http://www.gomiem.org>.

Intermediate and local school district superintendents, public school academy officials, and private school administrators are encouraged to attend. Please share this notice with your human resource director/staff. The staff of the OPPS is looking forward to meeting and talking with you; should you have any questions, please contact our office at 517-373-3310.

Attachment

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**Office of Professional Preparation Services**  
**2014 CERTIFICATION UPDATE MEETING**  
Radisson Hotel  
Capital Ballroom  
Wednesday, September 24, 2014

**AGENDA**

- 8:30a.m. - 8:50a.m.                   **Registration**  
(Continental breakfast – Capital Ballroom Lobby)
- 8:50a.m. – 9:00a.m.                   **Welcome and Introductions**  
Office of Professional Preparation Services
- Ms. Leah Breen, Interim Director
- 9:00a.m. – 9:20a.m.                   **Teacher Certification Overview**
- Ms. Krista D. Ried, Supervisor
- 9:20a.m. – 9:40a.m.                   **School Counselor Certification**
- Ms. Beatrice Harrison, Higher Education Consultant
- 9:40a.m. – 10:05a.m.                  **Professional Practices**
- Ms. Stephanie Whiteside, Staff Consultant
- 10:05a.m. – 10:25a.m.                  **Permits & Appropriate Assignments**
- Ms. Krista D. Ried, Supervisor
- 10:25a.m. – 10:30a.m.                  **Elementary Secondary Education Act (ESEA), and No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Update**
- Ms. Krista D. Ried, Supervisor
- 10:30a.m. – 10:45a.m.                  **Break (15 minutes)**
- 10:45a.m. – 11:05a.m.                  **Administrator Certification**
- Mr. Rajah Smart, Education Consultant
- 11:05a.m. – 11:25a.m.                  **Michigan Online Educator Certification System (MOECS)**
- Mr. Michael Mekhayel, Departmental Specialist
- 11:25a.m. – 11:45a.m.                  **State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs) and District Provided Professional Development (DPPD)**
- Ms. Leah Breen, Interim Director
- 11:45a.m. – 12:00p.m.                  **Troops to Teachers**
- Ms. Edwardeen Jones, Director of Troops To Teachers
- 12:00p.m. – 12:30p.m.                  **Round Table Discussions:**
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| • Alternate Routes/           | • SCECHs             |
| • Administrator Certification | • Troops to Teachers |
| • HQ/Certification            | • District Provided  |
| • MOECS                       | • Professional       |
| • Professional Practices      | • Development (DPPD) |
| • School Counselors           | • Audits             |
| • Standards & Testing         |                      |