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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** April 13, 2017

**TO:** Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents  
Public School Academy Directors

**FROM:** Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent   
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

**SUBJECT:** Michigan Talent Pool Accepting Recommendations

The Office of Educator Talent is seeking recommendations for outstanding elementary and secondary teachers, principals, and specialists for the Michigan Talent Pool. We are looking for educators who have shown:

- Exceptional professional achievement as evidenced by effective instructional practice, leadership, and student learning results in the classroom and school;
- Exemplary accomplishments beyond the classroom that provide models of excellence for the profession; and
- An engaging and inspiring presence that motivates and impacts students, colleagues, and the community.

The Michigan Talent Pool is a group of educators nominated by their supervisors, peers, and community stakeholders that the Michigan Department of Education draws upon when opportunities for engagement and recognition become available.

To submit a Michigan Talent Pool recommendation, please complete the [Talent Pool recommendation form](#) and include a one-page letter of recommendation explaining how the nominee meets the above criteria. You may also email the letter of recommendation to [roesnerj1@michigan.gov](mailto:roesnerj1@michigan.gov) with "Michigan Talent Pool" in the subject line.

For questions and additional information regarding the Michigan Talent Pool, please email Josh Roesner at [roesnerj1@michigan.gov](mailto:roesnerj1@michigan.gov).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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