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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
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SUBJECT: Changes to Michigan Substitute Permits

Pursuant to the E-blast released on June 16, 2016 regarding [Highly Qualified Requirements](#), the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is piloting a series of permit expansions for districts unable to fill a position with a properly certified, endorsed, and Highly Qualified teacher.

Permit Expansion 1

The core subject areas are redefined as: mathematics, sciences, social studies, English, language arts & reading, foreign languages, visual arts, and music.

Dance and theatre will no longer require testing or a major prior to obtaining a substitute permit.

Permit Expansion 2

Information explaining the expansion of other substitute permit types and the reduction of other qualifying requirements can be found at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Permit_Overview_529841_7.pdf.

Beginning August 1, 2016, districts may apply for permits for 2016-17 through the [Michigan Online Educator Certification System \(MOECS\)](#). In order to ensure that students are receiving effective instruction, districts will be required to submit evidence of effective or highly effective educator evaluations and an assigned mentor for some permits. Questions may be directed to the Office of Professional Preparation Services at 517-373-3310 or moecssupport@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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