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DATE: August 4, 2016

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

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

SUBJECT: Michigan Online Educator Certification System (MOECS) Effectiveness
Rating Training Webinars for Districts and Public School Academies

The Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) Offices of Professional Preparation Services and Educator Talent are eager to announce that beginning Friday, August 19, 2016, educators will be able to access educator effectiveness ratings in their personal Michigan Online Educator Certification System (MOECS) account. In anticipation of the Local Education Agency (LEA) appeals window opening on Saturday, October 1, 2016, MOECS Effectiveness Rating Training Webinars will be hosted for districts to ensure districts feel prepared and confident in supporting employees as it relates to the availability of educator effectiveness labels in MOECS, as well as executing respective LEA appeals windows.

Webinar Logistics

Webinars will be offered multiple times to allow for convenience. Please note that an internet connection and phone line (or working microphone on a laptop, in place of a phone line) will both be needed. Please join us for one of the following webinars:

- Monday, August 15, 2016 @ 2:30-4:00 PM EST
- Tuesday, August 16, 2016 @ 11:00 AM-12:30 PM EST
- Thursday, August 18th @ 2:30-4:00 PM EST
- Monday, August 22, 2016 @ 2:30-4:00 PM EST
- Tuesday, August 23, 2016 @ 11:00 AM-12:30 PM EST

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Webinar Attendance and RSVP Guidance

Attendance is not required, yet is strongly recommended. An RSVP is required. Please RSVP [here](#). By RSVP'ing, we will follow-up directly with you and provide a link to our webinar and call-in information. Multiple central office district employees are welcome to engage. All individuals who work with the Registry of Educational Personnel (REP) on behalf of the district and/or provide support to the district's teachers regarding teacher certification should consider attending.

Webinar Material Distribution

A recording of the webinar along with materials will be shared with all districts following our last webinar, for those unable to attend a live webinar.

Questions regarding the webinar should be directed to Chanel Hampton at 517-335-8776 or via email at hamptonc3@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance