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DATE: September 15, 2016

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents, Principals,
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SUBJECT: 2017-2018 Michigan Teacher of the Year

This communication serves as a reminder that the upcoming submission window for the Michigan Teacher of the Year (MTOY) nominations will open on September 26, 2016 and close on October 21, 2016.

The MTOY is the spokesperson for Michigan's 100,000+ teachers. The MTOY attends all State Board of Education meetings as a non-voting member of the Board. Additionally, the MTOY has the opportunity to meet with the State Superintendent, Governor of Michigan, President of the United States, and other State and National Teachers of the Year. The MTOY is Michigan's applicant for National Teacher of the Year (NTOY) and attends four national conferences through the NTOY program.

The Michigan Teacher of the Year program recognizes the great contribution teachers make to the state and to the learning community. The program recognizes and honors **teacher excellence**. It does not attempt to select the "best" teacher; rather, to identify, from among many outstanding teachers, one teacher to serve as a visible and vocal representative of what is best in the profession.

The MTOY program is sponsored by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), the State Board of Education (SBE), and the Meemic Foundation.

The National Teacher of the Year program, sponsored by the Voya Foundation is a project of the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), in partnership with the University of Phoenix Foundation and People to People Ambassador Programs.

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The selection of the MTOY also brings great recognition to the teacher's school system. A financial award is presented to the school by the Meemic Foundation.

Please visit the link below to submit your online nomination form for the 2017-2018 Michigan Teacher of the Year!

http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-5683_13651_38018---,00.html

cc: Michigan Education Alliance