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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Local and Intermediate School Superintendents  
Public School Academy Administrators

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*  
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SUBJECT: 2009 NCLB Highly Qualified Teacher Update & Clarification Documents

The purpose of this memo is to provide additional clarification and support for compliance with the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act requirements for Highly Qualified teachers.

The attached 2009 NCLB Highly Qualified Update addresses a number of related issues that have been called to our attention. Those listed are not all inclusive, but should be helpful as Michigan continues the quest for high quality teachers. This information is not intended to replace previous Highly Qualified Teacher Updates, rather to support and enhance understanding.

Special attention is directed to the fact that it is the local district's and public school academy's responsibility to ensure that all teachers of core academic subjects are appropriately certificated and Highly Qualified for their teaching assignment(s).

Also attached is an updated document that outlines the basic information that every Michigan teacher should know regarding the Highly Qualified requirements and a guide specific to special education teachers. We encourage districts/schools to share this information with pertinent staff.

If you have any questions regarding the information in the attached update, please contact Teacher Quality Coordinator, Ms. Krista Ried at 517/373-0699 or e-mail [riedk@michigan.gov](mailto:riedk@michigan.gov).

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