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**MEMORANDUM**

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

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*  
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SUBJECT: Taiwan Teacher Exchange Program

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and Taiwanese Ministry of Education coordinate a program by which up to 15 experienced and newly certified Michigan elementary teachers are given the opportunity to study and teach in Taiwanese schools for a full academic year. Recruitment for the fourth year of this program has begun. Enclosed are flyers that can be used to inform teachers about this unique opportunity. Feel free to make additional copies of this flyer, as needed. The PDF document and the application for teachers who are interested are available on the MDE website at [www.michigan.gov/teacherexchange](http://www.michigan.gov/teacherexchange).

The Taiwanese government will provide Michigan's teachers with orientation training, housing arrangements, and wages comparable to their current salaries. Each participating Michigan teacher will be paired with a Taiwanese classroom teacher. In addition to providing English language instruction, the Michigan teachers will work with Taiwanese educators to develop curriculum, prepare lesson plans and teaching materials, conduct classes, and evaluate student progress. This partnership will offer a wide range of benefits to all involved:

- Teachers will benefit from the professional development that results from the exchange of instructional practices and strategies between Michigan and Taiwan.
- Students from both nations will gain greater knowledge, appreciation, and understanding of one another's culture, language, history, interests, and lifestyle.
- Michigan and Taiwan will both benefit from the expanded communication, collaboration, and cooperation that will result from this agreement.

While the program targets Michigan ELEMENTARY certified teachers, the Ministry of Education has determined that secondary English or English as a Second Language teachers may also apply.

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